

**Transit Passes for Participating
Opioid Treatment Centers
(Transportation Article §7-712)**

**A Report to the Governor
and the
Maryland General Assembly**

**Maryland Department of Transportation
Maryland Transit Administration**

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The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) offers this report in response to language contained in Transportation Article § 7-712. The language states:

On or before December 1, 2021, and on or before December 1 each year thereafter, the Administration, in consultation with participating Opioid Treatment Program Providers, shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the status of the implementation of the requirements under this section.

MTA Implementation Efforts

The MTA undertook the following efforts to make monthly transit passes available to opioid treatment programs for use by patients of programs that qualify for the disabled reduced fare program:

- The MTA developed and adopted regulations to establish the process by which a participating opioid treatment program may issue transit passes. Participation requirements and processes were developed in consultation with the MTA Office of the Attorney General.
- In addition to providing contact and organization information, participating opioid treatment center obligations include maintaining a current license issued by the Maryland Department of Health and providing fare products only to eligible individuals at no cost above the current MTA pass price. Execution of an MTA agreement noting the terms and obligations is required.

Program Activity from October 2022 - October 2023

From October 1, 2022, to October 1, 2023, no organizations applied for participation through the program. However, seven organizations expressed interest and were contacted to follow up on their interest. None of the initial inquiring organizations followed up with the program. As was done previously, the MTA will request comments from the opioid treatment centers who expressed interest in the program but did not apply. One organization noted they were not interested after being advised the fare products were not free.

The MTA continues to provide information to inquiries and lists the program opportunity and contact information on the MTA website, which can be found at:
<https://www.mta.maryland.gov/opioid-centers>.