

**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

In implementing the program, 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. Execution of an MTA agreement noting the terms and obligations is required.

Program Activity from October 2023 - October 2024

From October 1, 2023, to October 1, 2024, no organizations applied for participation through the program. Additionally, none of the initial inquiring organizations from the previous fiscal year followed up with the program. Over the next year, MTA plans to establish partnerships with the treatment centers that have multiple participants apply for MTA's Reduced Fare program and proactively encourage participation. The MTA's outreach plan will include providing each center with a direct point of contact within MTA and enable the agency to share the benefits of the Opioid Treatment Center program. The MTA continues to share information with interested parties and lists program details, including contact information, on our website: [MTA Opioid Program](#).