



American Jail Association Resolution

Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Treatment of Individuals with Opioid Use Disorders (MOUD) in America's Jails

- WHEREAS,** the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) consistently identifies opioid-related overdoses as a primary driver of overdose mortality in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** individuals with a history of incarceration are, in general, at higher risk of overdose, and
- WHEREAS,** Opioid use disorders are classified under the Federal American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and prohibits discrimination against people in recovery, and
- WHEREAS,** Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)—formerly referred to as MAT—represent the evidence-based standard of care for treating OUD, lowering the risk of fatal overdose, reducing illicit drug use, and decreasing drug-related recidivism; and
- WHEREAS,** clinical best practices regarding MOUD are continually evolving, requiring correctional healthcare systems to remain adaptable to the latest FDA-approved medications and recognized medical research; and.
- WHEREAS,** the successful and secure implementation of MOUD programs relies heavily on comprehensive, ongoing training for both medical and custody staff to ensure safe administration, prevent medication diversion, and reduce stigma; and
- WHEREAS,** providing MOUD in the correctional setting brings healthcare in correctional facilities in line with current medical standards for the treatment of opioid use disorders, and
- THEREFORE,
BE IT
RESOLVED** that the American Jail Association supports the integration of MOUD as a standard of care for incarcerated individuals with Opioid Use Disorder, utilizing an opt-in framework that provides access to appropriate, FDA-approved medications based on individualized clinical assessments; and
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RESOLVED** that the American Jail Association encourages agencies to establish seamless referral networks and linkage-to-care protocols with community-based providers, ensuring individuals receive uninterrupted MOUD treatment upon release; and
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RESOLVED** that the American Jail Association strongly advocates that Congress, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services work collaboratively with State and local governments to: Provide dedicated, sustainable funding and grant opportunities to assist local correctional agencies in implementing and maintaining comprehensive MOUD programs; and Facilitate partnerships between correctional agencies, public health departments, and community-based medical organizations to combat the opioid epidemic across all jurisdictions.

Sunset Provision

BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in full force and effect for a period of five (5) years, after which it shall automatically expire on May 16, 2031, unless it is formally reaffirmed, revised, or amended by the Board of Directors prior to that date.

ADOPTED this 16th day of May 2026