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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hospitals – Opioid Overdose ~~– Medication-Assisted Treatment~~ and**
3 **Opioid-Related Emergency Medical Conditions – Treatment**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring hospitals to establish and maintain certain protocols and
5 capacity related to the treatment of patients who are being treated for an
6 opioid-related overdose or opioid-related emergency medical condition; requiring
7 hospitals to ~~connect~~ make a referral for patients who are diagnosed with opioid use
8 disorder or administered or prescribed medication-assisted treatment medication
9 for opioid use disorder to an appropriate provider to voluntarily continue treatment
10 in the community under certain circumstances and work with peer support
11 professionals for a certain purpose; ~~requiring the Governor to include in the annual~~
12 ~~budget bill for a certain fiscal year a certain appropriation from the Opioid~~
13 ~~Restitution Fund for hospitals to provide training and resources to implement the~~
14 ~~requirements of this Act~~; and generally relating to hospitals and treatment for opioid
15 use disorder and opioid-related emergency medical conditions.

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Health – General
18 Section 19-308.10
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2023 Replacement Volume)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article — State Finance and Procurement
 Section 7-331
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

19-308.10.

(A) ~~(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

~~(2) “MEDICATION” MEANS, “MEDICATION FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER”:~~

~~(1) MEANS A DRUG APPROVED BY THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF OPIOID USE DISORDER; AND~~

~~(2) DOES NOT INCLUDE A DRUG ADMINISTERED TO MITIGATE OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE SYMPTOMS.~~

~~(3) “MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT” MEANS THE USE OF MEDICATION, IN COMBINATION WITH COUNSELING AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH THERAPIES, TO PROVIDE A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO THE TREATMENT OF OPIOID USE DISORDER.~~

~~(4) “OPIOID USE DISORDER” MEANS A MEDICALLY DIAGNOSED PROBLEMATIC PATTERN OF OPIOID USE THAT CAUSES A SIGNIFICANT IMPAIRMENT OR DISTRESS.~~

(B) EACH HOSPITAL SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN, AS PART OF ITS EMERGENCY SERVICES, PROTOCOLS AND CAPACITY TO:

(1) PROVIDE TO A PATIENT BEFORE DISCHARGING THE PATIENT APPROPRIATE, EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS THAT REDUCE THE RISK OF SUBSEQUENT HARM AND FATALITY FOLLOWING AN OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE OR A VISIT FOR AN OPIOID-RELATED EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITION;

(2) POSSESS, ~~DISPENSE, ADMINISTER, AND PRESCRIBE MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT, INCLUDING~~ AT LEAST ONE FORMULATION OF EACH U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED FULL OPIOID AGONIST;

1 ~~AND PARTIAL OPIOID AGONIST, AND LONG-ACTING OPIOID ANTAGONIST~~ USED FOR
2 THE TREATMENT OF OPIOID USE DISORDER; AND

3 (3) TREAT A PATIENT WHO PRESENTS IN A HOSPITAL EMERGENCY
4 DEPARTMENT FOR CARE AND TREATMENT OF AN OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE OR
5 OPIOID-RELATED EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITION WITH A MEDICATION FOR
6 OPIOID USE DISORDER IF THE TREATMENT:

7 (I) OCCURS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TREATING HEALTH
8 CARE PRACTITIONER; AND

9 (II) IS VOLUNTARILY AGREED TO BY THE PATIENT.

10 (C) A PROTOCOL ESTABLISHED BY A HOSPITAL UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL
11 ~~COMPLY WITH~~ INCLUDE:

12 (1) ~~APPLICABLE TRAINING AND WAIVER REQUIREMENTS~~
13 ~~ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; AND~~

14 ~~(2) ANY REQUIREMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING~~
15 ~~PRESCRIBING OPIOID AGONIST TREATMENT;~~

16 (2) UNIFORM PRACTICES FOR SCREENING AND DIAGNOSING
17 INDIVIDUALS WHO PRESENT WITH AN OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE OR
18 OPIOID-RELATED EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITION FOR AN OPIOID USE DISORDER
19 BASED ON THE CRITERIA IN THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF THE DIAGNOSTIC AND
20 STATISTICAL MANUAL OF MENTAL DISORDERS;

21 (3) UNIFORM PRACTICES FOR OFFERING AND ADMINISTERING
22 OPIOID AGONIST MEDICATION TO TREAT AN OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE OR
23 OPIOID USE DISORDER; AND

24 (4) UNIFORM PRACTICES TO IDENTIFY COMMUNITY-BASED
25 TREATMENT SERVICES THAT ARE APPROPRIATE FOR:

26 (I) TREATING OPIOID USE DISORDERS; AND

27 (II) ASSISTING PATIENTS TO VOLUNTARILY ACCESS ONGOING
28 COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT AT DISCHARGE.

29 (D) BEFORE DISCHARGING A PATIENT WHO IS DIAGNOSED WITH AN OPIOID
30 USE DISORDER OR ADMINISTERED OR PRESCRIBED ~~MEDICATION-ASSISTED~~
31 ~~TREATMENT~~ MEDICATION FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER, A HOSPITAL SHALL ~~CONNECT~~

~~1 THE PATIENT WITH AN APPROPRIATE PROVIDER OR FACILITY TO VOLUNTARILY
2 CONTINUE TREATMENT;~~

~~3 (1) MAKE A REFERRAL OF THE PATIENT TO AN APPROPRIATE
4 PROVIDER OR FACILITY FOR A TIMELY APPOINTMENT, WHEN POSSIBLE, TO
5 VOLUNTARILY CONTINUE TREATMENT IN THE COMMUNITY; AND~~

~~6 (2) WORK WITH PEER SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS, AS AVAILABLE, OR
7 OTHER RESOURCES TO ASSIST THE PATIENT IN ACCESSING THE IDENTIFIED
8 TREATMENT SERVICES.~~

~~9 Article State Finance and Procurement~~

~~10 7-331.~~

~~11 (a) In this section, "Fund" means the Opioid Restitution Fund.~~

~~12 (b) There is an Opioid Restitution Fund.~~

~~13 (c) The purpose of the Fund is to retain the amount of settlement revenues
14 deposited to the Fund in accordance with subsection (c)(1) of this section.~~

~~15 (d) (1) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of
16 this subtitle.~~

~~17 (2) The State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately, and the
18 Comptroller shall account for the Fund.~~

~~19 (e) The Fund consists of:~~

~~20 (1) all revenues received by the State from any source resulting, directly or
21 indirectly, from any judgment against, or settlement with, opioid manufacturers, opioid
22 research associations, or any other person in the opioid industry relating to any claims
23 made or prosecuted by the State to recover damages for violations of State law; and~~

~~24 (2) the interest earnings of the Fund.~~

~~25 (f) The Fund may be used only to provide funds for:~~

~~26 (1) programs, services, supports, and resources for evidence-based
27 substance use disorder prevention, treatment, recovery, or harm reduction that have the
28 purpose of:~~

~~29 (i) improving access to medications proven to prevent or reverse an
30 overdose;~~

1 ~~(ii) supporting peer support specialists and screening, brief~~
2 ~~intervention, and referral to treatment services for hospitals, correctional facilities, and~~
3 ~~other high-risk populations;~~

4 ~~(iii) increasing access to medications that support recovery from~~
5 ~~substance use disorders;~~

6 ~~(iv) expanding the Heroin Coordinator Program, including for~~
7 ~~administrative expenses;~~

8 ~~(v) expanding access to crisis beds and residential treatment~~
9 ~~services for adults and minors;~~

10 ~~(vi) expanding and establishing safe stations, mobile crisis response~~
11 ~~systems, and crisis stabilization centers;~~

12 ~~(vii) supporting the behavioral health crisis hotline;~~

13 ~~(viii) organizing primary and secondary school education campaigns~~
14 ~~to prevent opioid use, including for administrative expenses;~~

15 ~~(ix) enforcing the laws regarding opioid prescriptions and sales,~~
16 ~~including for administrative expenses;~~

17 ~~(x) research regarding and training for substance use treatment and~~
18 ~~overdose prevention, including for administrative expenses; and~~

19 ~~(xi) supporting and expanding other evidence-based interventions~~
20 ~~for overdose prevention and substance use treatment;~~

21 ~~(2) evidence-informed substance use disorder prevention, treatment~~
22 ~~recovery, or harm reduction pilot programs or demonstration studies that are not~~
23 ~~evidence-based if the Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council, established under §~~
24 ~~7.5-902 of the Health General Article;~~

25 ~~(i) determines that emerging evidence supports the distribution of~~
26 ~~money for the pilot program or that there is a reasonable basis for funding the~~
27 ~~demonstration study with the expectation of creating an evidence-based program; and~~

28 ~~(ii) approves the use of money for the pilot program or demonstration~~
29 ~~study; and~~

30 ~~(3) evaluations of the effectiveness and outcomes reporting for substance~~
31 ~~use disorder abatement infrastructure, programs, services, supports, and resources for~~
32 ~~which money from the Fund was used, including evaluations of the impact on access to~~
33 ~~harm reduction services or treatment for substance use disorders and the reduction in~~
34 ~~drug-related mortality.~~

1 ~~(g) (1) The State Treasurer shall invest the money of the Fund in the same~~
2 ~~manner as other State money may be invested.~~

3 ~~(2) Any interest earnings of the Fund shall be credited to the Fund.~~

4 ~~(h) (1) Expenditures from the Fund may be made only in accordance with the~~
5 ~~State budget.~~

6 ~~(2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE~~
7 ~~ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 FROM THE FUND TO~~
8 ~~PROVIDE TRAINING AND RESOURCES TO HOSPITALS TO IMPLEMENT THE~~
9 ~~REQUIREMENTS OF § 19-308.10 OF THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE.~~

10 ~~[(2)] (3) For settlement funds received in accordance with the final~~
11 ~~distributor agreement of July 21, 2021, with McKesson Corporation, Amerisource Bergen~~
12 ~~Corporation, and Cardinal Health Incorporated, as amended, the Janssen settlement~~
13 ~~agreement of July 21, 2021, as amended, or any other opioid-related court or~~
14 ~~administrative judgment or settlement agreement involving the State and one or more of~~
15 ~~its political subdivisions:~~

16 ~~(i) appropriations from the Fund in the State budget shall be made~~
17 ~~in accordance with the allocation and distribution of funds to the State and its political~~
18 ~~subdivisions:~~

19 ~~1. as agreed on in the State subdivision agreement of~~
20 ~~January 21, 2022, as amended; or~~

21 ~~2. required under any other opioid-related court or~~
22 ~~administrative judgment or settlement agreement, or any similar agreement reached under~~
23 ~~an opioid-related court or administrative judgment or settlement agreement, involving the~~
24 ~~State and one or more of its political subdivisions; and~~

25 ~~(ii) the Secretary of Health shall establish and administer a grant~~
26 ~~program for the distribution of funds to political subdivisions of the State in accordance~~
27 ~~with:~~

28 ~~1. the State subdivision agreement of January 21, 2022, as~~
29 ~~amended; or~~

30 ~~2. the requirements of any other opioid-related court or~~
31 ~~administrative judgment or settlement agreement, or any similar agreement reached under~~
32 ~~an opioid-related court or administrative judgment or settlement agreement, involving the~~
33 ~~State and one or more of its political subdivisions.~~

~~1 [(3)](4) The Attorney General shall identify and designate the~~
~~2 controlling version of any agreement or amendment described under paragraph [(2)] (3) of~~
~~3 this subsection.~~

~~4 (i) (1) Money expended from the Fund for the programs and services described~~
~~5 under subsection (f) of this section is supplemental to and is not intended to take the place~~
~~6 of funding that otherwise would be appropriated for the programs and services.~~

~~7 (2) Except as specified in subsection (f) of this section, money expended~~
~~8 from the Fund may not be used for administrative expenses.~~

~~9 (j) The Governor shall:~~

~~10 (1) develop key goals, key objectives, and key performance indicators~~
~~11 relating to substance use treatment and prevention efforts;~~

~~12 (2) subject to subsection [(h)(2)] (H)(3) of this section, at least twice~~
~~13 annually, consult with the Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council to identify~~
~~14 recommended appropriations from the Fund; and~~

~~15 (3) report on or before November 1 each year, in accordance with § 2-1257~~
~~16 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on:~~

~~17 (i) an accounting of total funds expended from the Fund in the~~
~~18 immediately preceding fiscal year, by:~~

~~19 1. use;~~

~~20 2. if applicable, jurisdiction; and~~

~~21 3. budget program and subdivision;~~

~~22 (ii) the performance indicators and progress toward achieving the~~
~~23 goals and objectives developed under item (1) of this subsection; and~~

~~24 (iii) the recommended appropriations from the Fund identified in~~
~~25 accordance with item (2) of this subsection.~~

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

27 (a) The Maryland Department of Health shall study whether and how funding
28 from the Opioid Restitution Fund can be used to provide training and resources to hospitals
29 to implement Section 1 of the Act, including a recommended funding amount.

30 (b) On or before January 1, 2025, the Department shall report its findings and
31 recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and House Health and Government
32 Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take
2 effect January 1, 2025.

3 SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in
4 Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

Approved:

_____ Governor.

_____ Speaker of the House of Delegates.

_____ President of the Senate.