Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder has been proven to be safe and effective. Evidence demonstrates that MAT:

- increases treatment retention
- reduces opioid use
- reduces opioid overdoses
- reduces risk behaviors that transmit HIV and hepatitis C virus
- reduces morbidity and mortality

Despite decades of research and evidence, some drug treatment providers still discriminate against those using MAT. This discrimination can be deadly and it is against the law.

In January 2018, New Jersey enacted legislation¹ to protect individuals who are using MAT from discrimination by drug treatment providers.

The legislation states, “Admission shall not be denied on the basis that the person is currently receiving medication assisted treatment for a substance use disorder administered by a licensed treatment provider, including but not limited to methadone, buprenorphine, naltrexone, or any other medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of a substance use disorder.”²

The legislation further states, “No narcotic or drug abuse treatment center, transitional sober living home, halfway house, or other residential aftercare facility shall be permitted to deny admission to a prospective client on the basis that the person is currently receiving medication assisted treatment for a substance use disorder administered by a licensed treatment provider, including, but not limited to, methadone, buprenorphine, naltrexone, or any other medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of a substance use disorder.”³

**New Jersey enacted this law to protect you. If you have been denied other drug treatment services because you use MAT, contact:**

State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Hotline: 1-800-382-6717

State of New Jersey, Department of Banking and Insurance Consumer Hotline: 1-800-446-7467

¹ Senate Bill 2964 / Assembly Bill 4707 available at [https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2016/Bills/S3000/2964_I1.PDF](https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2016/Bills/S3000/2964_I1.PDF)
