



Invitation to Cosponsor Bills Supporting Addiction Recovery

The MOAR Mission is to organize recovering individuals, families and friends into a collective voice to educate the public about the value of recovery from alcohol and other addictions.

Approximately 5 People are Dying Every Day from Opioid Overdoses and Drug Addiction in Massachusetts!

If You Think The Following Might Help – Please Sign On!

[An Act Relative to Recovery Coach Licensure HD 1936 \(Representative James O'Day\) and SD 689 \(Senator John Keenan\)](#)

What it does:

The bill sets up a recovery coach licensure process with a board under the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Why it is important:

It creates a standardized, streamlined, and regulated licensing process for recovery coaches. It also promotes payer reimbursement, while ensuring those who advertise themselves as licensed recovery coaches are providing appropriate support and services.

[An Act Relative to Treatment, Not Imprisonment, HD 1608 \(Representative Ruth Balsler\) and SD.1239 \(Senator Cindy Friedman\)](#)

What it does:

Those who engage in recovery while on pretrial release or probation can no longer be incarcerated as punishment for solely relapsing.

Why it is important:

It enhances public safety by making it more possible for people to authentically engage in treatment and communicate honestly with their providers without fear of imprisonment.

[An Act Ensuring Access to Addiction Services., HD 672 \(Representative Ruth Balser\) and SD 1055 \(Senator Cindy Friedman\)](#)

What it does:

Guarantees that men civilly committed to addiction treatment under Section 35 be sent to a secure facility approved by the Department of Public Health or the Department of Mental Health.

Why it is important:

Currently, men civilly committed to addiction treatment under Section 35 can be sent to a facility run by the Department of Corrections even though they have been charged with no crime. We have the right to be treated by providers who value recovery and provide proper and evidence-based care.

[An Act Providing Access to Full Spectrum of Addiction Treatment Services HD 4075 \(Representative Liz Malia\) and SD 702 \(Senator John Keenan\)](#)

What it does:

Expands access to further treatment by requiring public and private insurance carriers to cover up to a total of 30 days of treatment, if the treating clinician deems the services are medically necessary.

Why it is important:

Under current law, up to 14 days is allowed. Many only have access to detoxification (ATS) and clinical stabilization (CSS) services. This is about the right to rapid and appropriate access and duration of care paid for by our health insurance.

Thank you for your strong consideration

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Sincerely yours,

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