



## STATE OF VERMONT

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Dear Commissioners Deml and Groves:

The House Committee on Corrections and Institutions (Committee) has spent considerable time this year working on H.32, an act relating to treatment for opioid use disorder in correctional facilities. Although the Committee does not anticipate that the bill take effect until July 1, 2026, it seeks to ensure that when the bill becomes law there are adequate outcome measures in place to assess whether the provision of medication for opioid use disorder in correctional settings improves health outcomes for previously incarcerated individuals reentering the community.

To this end, the Committee plans to include in its bill a requirement that the Departments collect and report on the aggregated number of individuals who continue to refill a prescription for medication for opioid use disorder six months after reentering the community. The first reporting date will be on January 15, 2027, and contain calendar year 2026 data. Please be mindful of the Committee's interest in this data when planning for implementation of the amendment to Vermont's Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration in January of 2026.

The Committee also requests that the Departments submit a written report to the General Assembly not later than February 1, 2026, containing recommended outcome measures for assessing whether the provision of medication for opioid use disorder in correctional settings improves health outcomes for previously incarcerated individuals reentering the community. These recommendations shall be informed by best practices used in other states providing medication for opioid use disorder in correctional facilities and also driven by the data available to the Departments once the Global Commitment amendment has been implemented.

Sincerely,

Alice Emmons, Chair  
House Committee on Corrections and Institutions