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**Resolution of National Sheriffs’ Association on MAT**

The National Sheriffs’ Association has come out for non-narcotic evidence-based medication-assisted treatment for opioid dependent in county jails. It points out that “substance use disorders are often associated with a revolving door of arrest, incarceration, and release to the streets untreated or undertreated, followed by rearrests and return to incarceration.” Also, relapse is likely without treatment while incarcerated. However, given that “(s)muggling or diversion of controlled substances, whether illicit or prescribed, within the envelope of the secure facility undermines the safety and security of inmates and staff,” the Association “supports the use of non-narcotic, evidence-based medication-assisted treatment for opioid dependence after detoxification within the confines of a jail or other secure facility…”