

****FOAA Request** 202522 Andrew Johnson 13 Apr 25**



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Good morning,
We do not do any special monitoring at the time of Suboxone administration.

V/r

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From: Andrew Johnson <a@johnson.org>
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Subject: Re: **FOAA Request** 202522 Andrew Johnson 13 Apr 25

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Good afternoon Ms. Heald,

Thank you for this information. Are recipients of sublingual Suboxone monitored until it dissolves? The presence of a mouth check confirming dissolution (not placement) would verify normal NA/DOT CIII dispensing. I am aiming to determine which state DOC's treat Suboxone like any other non-narcotic. California, Colorado, New York, and Vermont departments of correction all deviate from institutional narcotic administration norms under the pretense of normalizing inmate community piecemeal. Please advise whether normal Suboxone administration at MDOC more closely aligns with Vermont (no monitoring) or Connecticut (monitoring) standards, per attached.

Sincerely,

Andrew Johnson
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On 2025-07-01 12:12, MDOC, FOAA wrote:

Good afternoon,

We don't have any documents that fulfill your request. However I can tell you that Maine follows normalization principles and Suboxone is treated like every other prescribed medication in terms of medication administration.

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From: Andrew Johnson <a@johnson.org>

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Subject: MAT inquiry

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Hello Jenna,

I am researching MAT administration practices of state prisons. SAMHSA published nonbinding guidance for state prisons, but states are largely on their own to design diversion controls. I have found California and Colorado perform little to no Suboxone monitoring which promotes certain normalization principles. Rhode Island and New Jersey spend about ten minutes monitoring offenders until MAT medications dissolve, which is more consistent with SAMHSA guidance. I am planning to compare how various states implement diversion controls during the MAT medication administration process. Any public-facing policy, procedure anecdote, or other insight you might be able to provide about the buprenorphine or methadone administration process in Maine prisons would be appreciated.

If it is possible to open an MOAA request regarding the policy or procedure of diversion control measures performed by MDOC staff during MAT administration with incarcerated residents please advise if this is feasible.

Sincerely,

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