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# TOOL KIT CONTENTS

This tool kit includes three model memoranda of understanding, two letter templates, and an informational brochure for treatment court participants and their loved ones. You can download Word versions of these documents from <https://www.ndci.org/resource/training/medication-assisted-treatment/moud-toolkit/> and customize them as needed.

## **Partner Agencies Agreement.** Appendix A

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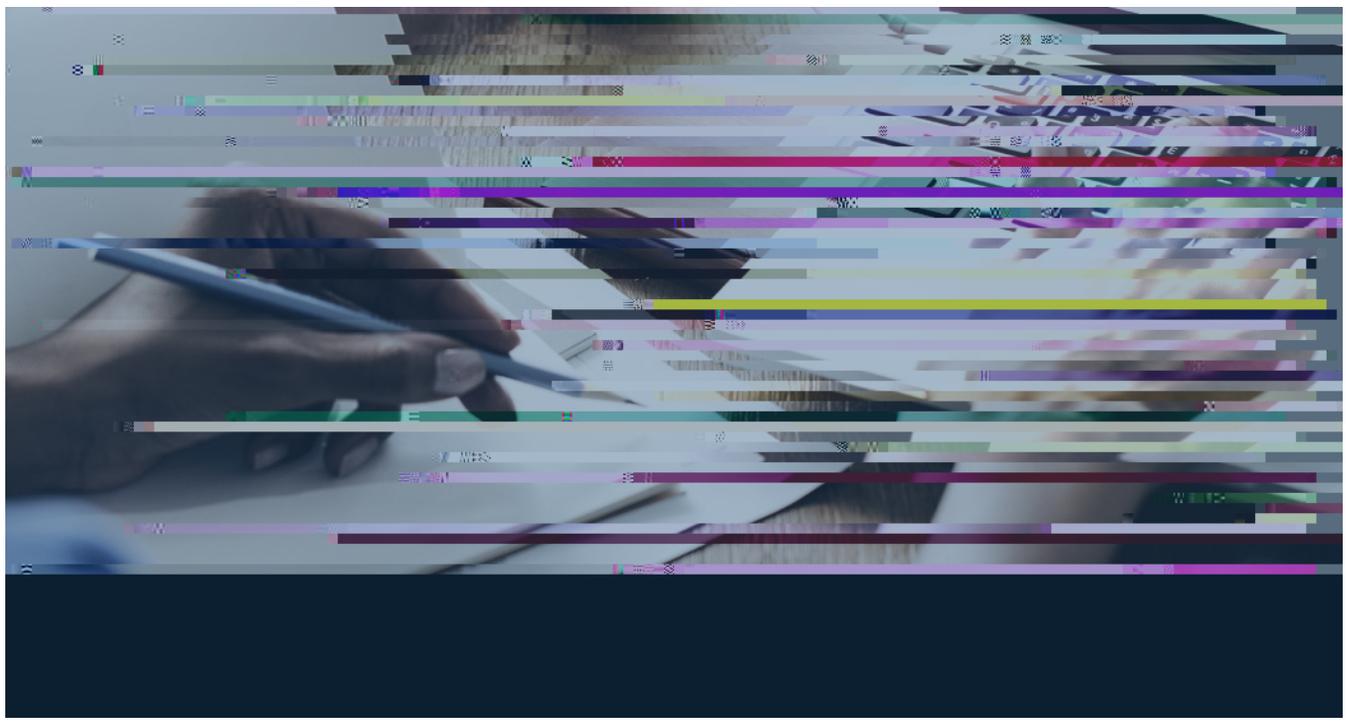
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**Letter to Jail Officials.**

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# COMMON PRINCIPLES AND BEST PRACTICES

The documents in the appendices are written for different parties and contexts and emphasize different issues, and the language is simplified for participants and their significant others. However, common principles and best practices are reflected in each of



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Buprenorphine Practitioner Locator, SAMHSA

Opioid Treatment Program Directory,  
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Find a Treatment Facility, SAMHSA

State Opioid Treatment Authorities, SAMHSA

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Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP) 63



- B. Selecting the proper medication dosage and deciding whether to reduce the dosage or discontinue the medication are medical decisions to be made by a trained and lawfully credentialed medical provider in consultation with the participant. Nonmedically-trained members of the**





- D. Punitive sanctions will ordinarily not be imposed for continued use of illicit opioids until participants have reached a therapeutic dosage of the medication as determined by the prescribing medical provider and are no longer experiencing withdrawal symptoms, opioid cravings, or associated mental health symptoms such as depression or anhedonia. Prior to this level of clinical stabilization, the indicated response to continued illicit opioid use will ordinarily include adjustments to the medication regimen if medically indicated, addition of complementary counseling or monitoring services, person or place restrictions, curfews, or low-magni-



## **IX. Identifying Providers and Funding for MAT**

- A. The treatment court team will make all reasonable efforts to identify competent and lawfully qualified MOUD providers in the local community, including querying online directories of medical providers and treatment agencies specializing in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry, and reaching out to the single state agency for substance use treatment, state or county boards of health and medical societies, and local colleges, universities, and medical schools.
- B. Case managers or benefits assistants working with the treatment court will identify and help enroll participants eligible for Medicaid or other third-party reimbursement for MOUD.
- C. The treatment court team will make all reasonable efforts to obtain grant or other external funding for MOUD if available, such as applying for funds from state block grants or appropriations, contacting federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) offering discounted medications for uninsured and low-income individuals, attempting to negotiate reduced-price medications from pharmaceutical companies, and reaching out to covered entities offering reduced medication rates for specified vulnerable populations under the federal 340B Drug Acquisition Program.

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Medical Practitioners Prescribing Medications for Opioid Use Disorder for  
Participants in the \_\_\_\_\_ Treatment Court

### **I. Access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder**

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ Treatment Court is committed to providing safe and effective treatments for substance use disorders while safeguarding participant welfare, public safety, and the fair administration of justice.
- B. Medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD), including methadone, buprenorphine (e.g., Suboxone, Subutex (.)3.5l9,nci (r)-7.9 (5)-7.3 (x)43.8 lone





5. Symptom improvement, including changes in opioid cravings, withdrawal symptoms, and associated mental health symptoms such as depression, boredom, irritability, or anhedonia
6. Results from PDMP reports indicating whether the participant obtained any unauthorized prescription from another provider for a controlled medication
7. Any efforts by the participant to tamper with or invalidate drug or alcohol tests if such tests are performed

- F. The medical provider agrees to respond within 48 hours to questions or concerns from treatment court staff about a participant's apparent lack of responsiveness to the treatment plan, possible medication side effects, and suspected misuse or diversion of the medication. Medical providers will respond as soon as practicable to any report of serious or life-threatening symptoms and will provide treatment court staff with emergency instructions and contact information for emergency services to be used in the event of a medical 9 (e)-09 (e)-04\_1 1 Tf0rT0.265n467SLK

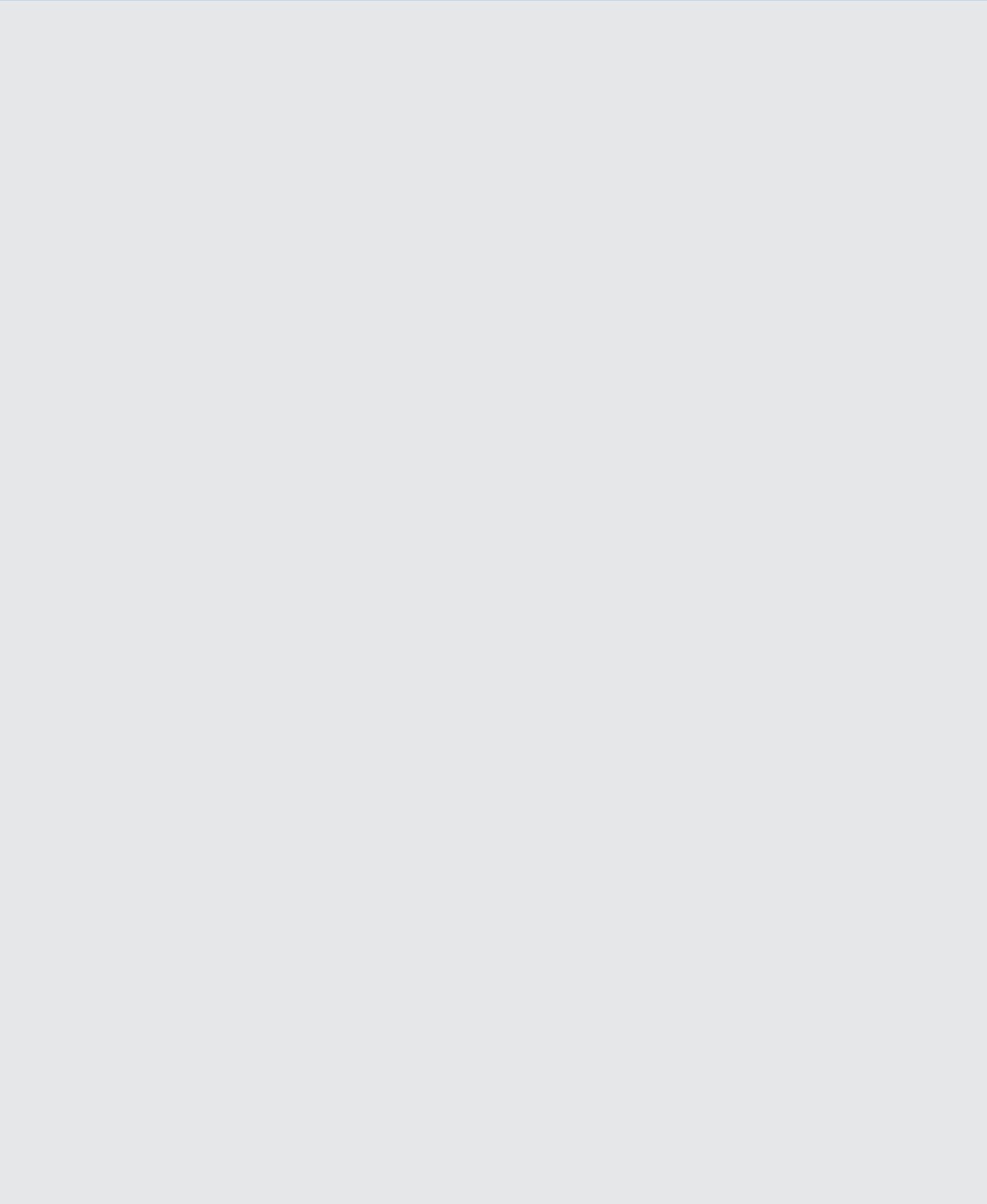


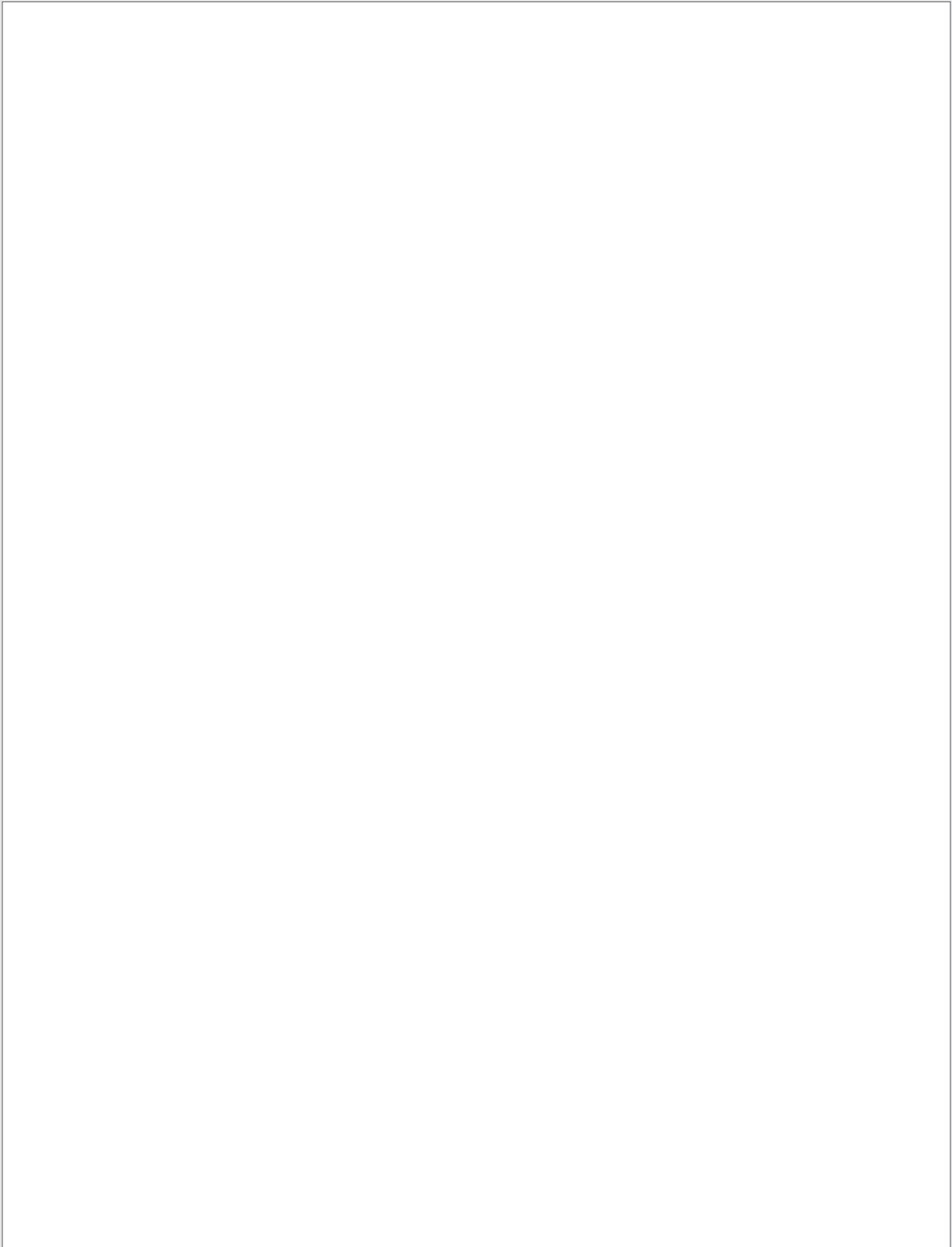
## PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in the \_\_\_\_\_ Treatment Court

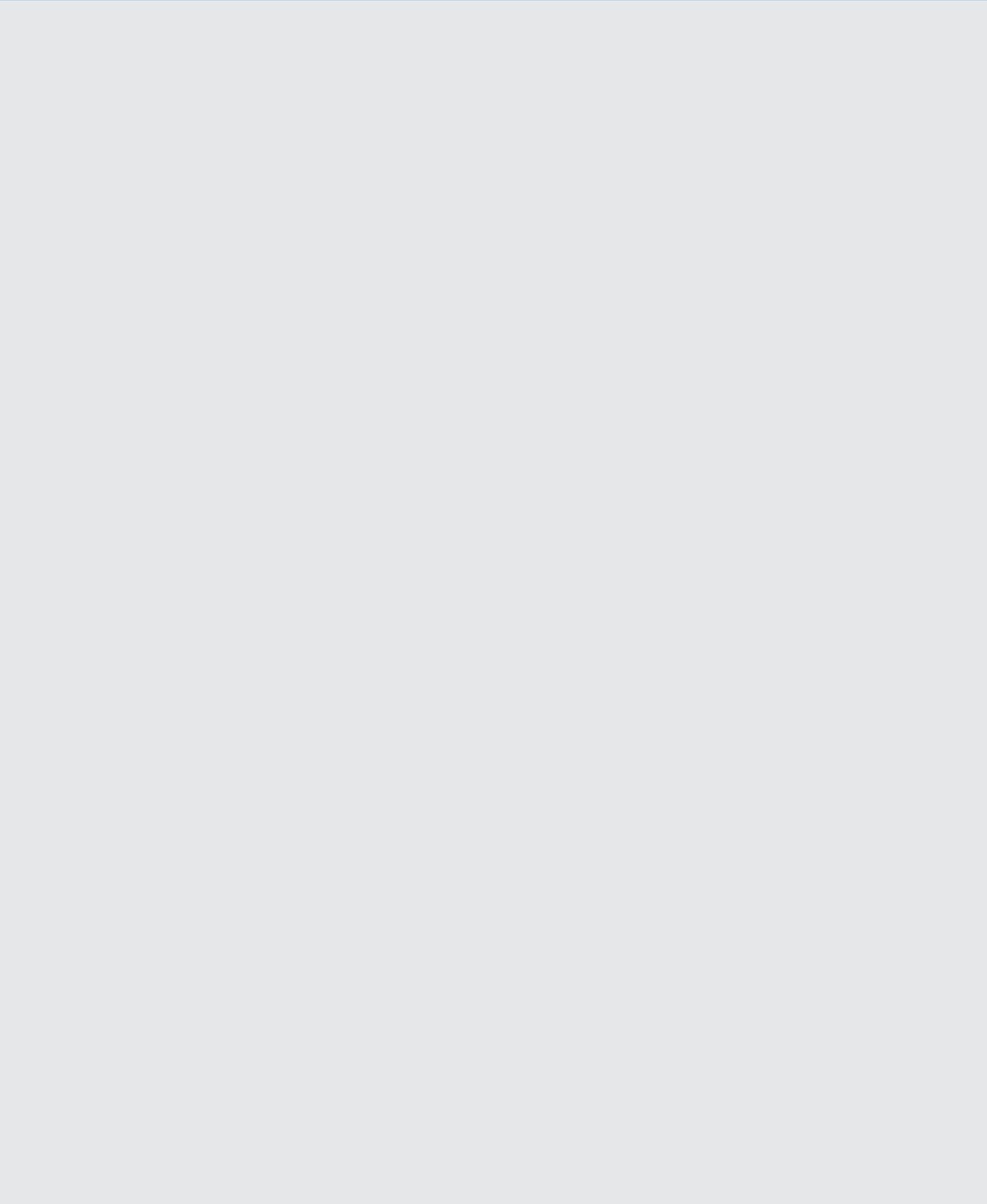
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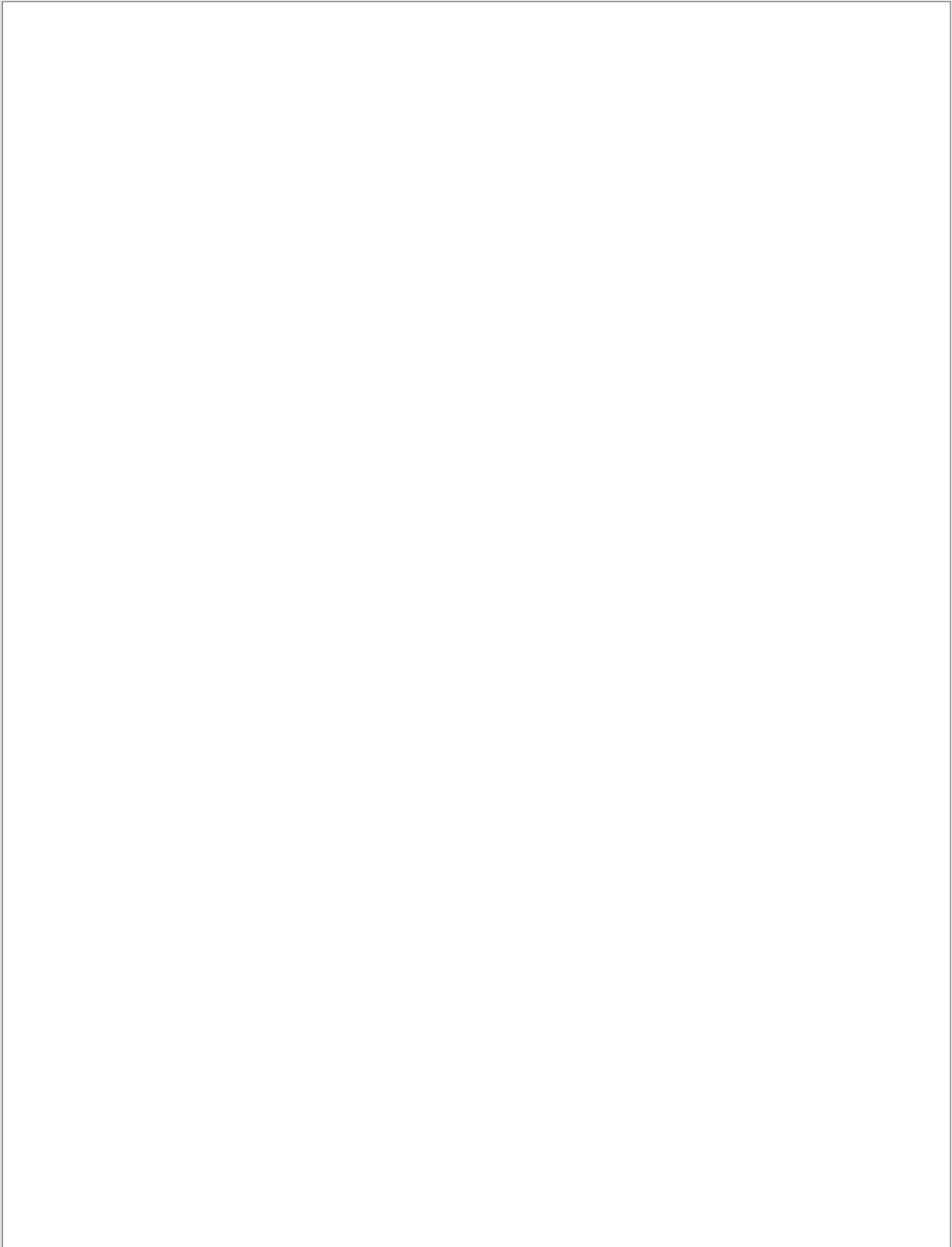


- **Peer mentors.** The treatment court may pair you up with a peer mentor or peer recovery support specialist. Peer mentors are people with lived experience who understand MOUD and may once have been involved with the criminal justice system themselves. They have been trained in how to be helpful and can help you deal with doctors, find ways to pay for MOUD, take your medication the right way, make it to your appointments, and do well in the program and after you leave.
- **Recovery groups.** People in the treatment court are required to go to self-help groups such





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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g.,