



OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mallinckrodt Committee Recommendations

July 2026

Introduction

The Mallinckrodt Committee is a sub-committee of Maryland's Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council providing recommendations on \$2,200,943.11 received from a settlement with Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals plc over the company's alleged violation of the federal Controlled Substances Act, including deceptive marketing practices of general prescription opioids and failures to monitor suspicious drug orders.

The Mallinckrodt Committee consists of the following members: Maryland Association of Counties representative and council chair, Lauren Levy, Dr. David Myles, representative of the Maryland Municipal League, Brendan Welsh, representing the Behavioral Health Administration, and Special Secretary of Overdose Response Emily Keller, representing Maryland's Office of Overdose Response. Avery Meyer of Maryland's Office of Overdose Response is the non-voting chair.

Recommendations

The Committee met on July 22, 2026, and voted unanimously on the following recommendations for spending the state's share of Mallinckrodt settlement:

1. Establish standards of care for local detention centers implementing the requirements of the Opioid Use Disorder Examination and Treatment Act (House Bill 116) of 2019.
2. Support the recommendations of the [Buprenorphine Access Workgroup 2026 report](#).¹
3. Address current deficits in overdose-related program evaluation identified by the Maryland Overdose Response Advisory Council, by investing in resources that support statewide evaluation capacity.

¹ <https://stopoverdose.maryland.gov/buprenorphine/>