State Lawmakers Propose New Funding for Addiction and Recovery Services

On April 10th, the MA House Ways and Means Committee (HWM) released a draft of their Fiscal Year 2018 proposal. **MOAR** along with our partners in the Massachusetts Coalition for Addiction Services (MCAS) were grateful to see:

- **$500,000 to distribute Narcan to addiction treatment provider programs**
- **$1 million to preserve and expand the Massachusetts Access to Recovery** (MA-ATR) program (new funding)
- **$1 million for at least two new recovery centers**
- **$1 million to increase the number of treatment beds**
- Moves the $5 million dollars in funding for the Substance Abuse Services fund into the BSAS Main Budget.

Legislators are currently working on amendments to the HWM budget, which will go up for a vote in front of the full house next week. After this, the budget will move to the senate and eventually to the governor. Please stay tuned to our website and social media outlets for upcoming advocacy opportunities!

For an in-depth analysis of the FY18 HWM Budget, please check the website of our MCAS partners at The Association for Behavioral Healthcare:

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