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**CCSM Issue Subcommittee
Access to Medications in Maine Jails
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Unfortunately, all too often when someone is arrested and ends up being brought to jail, they lose timely access to medications. It may be for their mental health needs, a physical condition or both. We cannot underscore how important it is that anyone receiving prescribed medications be able to stay on their medications so as not to risk awful and sometimes life-threatening side effects from withdrawal. Adequate medical care in a time of crisis is of the utmost importance. We want to see that everyone is treated humanely in a time when most needed. Jail administration need to work hard to obtain prescription records and make sure peers are back on their prescribed form of medications as close to admission as possible in order to stay well.

We Want to Hear From You:

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