

# *Kortlever et al. v. Whatcom County*

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- 2018 class-action lawsuit against Whatcom County for denying people with opioid use disorder (OUD) in jail medications necessary to treat their condition.
- Challenged the jail's policy of refusing to provide people access to MAT for OUD, even though it provides other clinically appropriate medications to inmates (insulin, blood pressure meds, etc.).
- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) forbids discrimination against people with OUD, who are just as entitled to medication as those suffering from other conditions requiring medical treatment.

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- 2019 – Settlement reached, which required jail to provide MAT services, including induction.
- 2019-2022 – Oversight period which included participation from community providers.
- 2022 – Case completed.
- Learn more - <https://www.aclu-wa.org/cases/kortlever-et-al-v-whatcom-county>

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