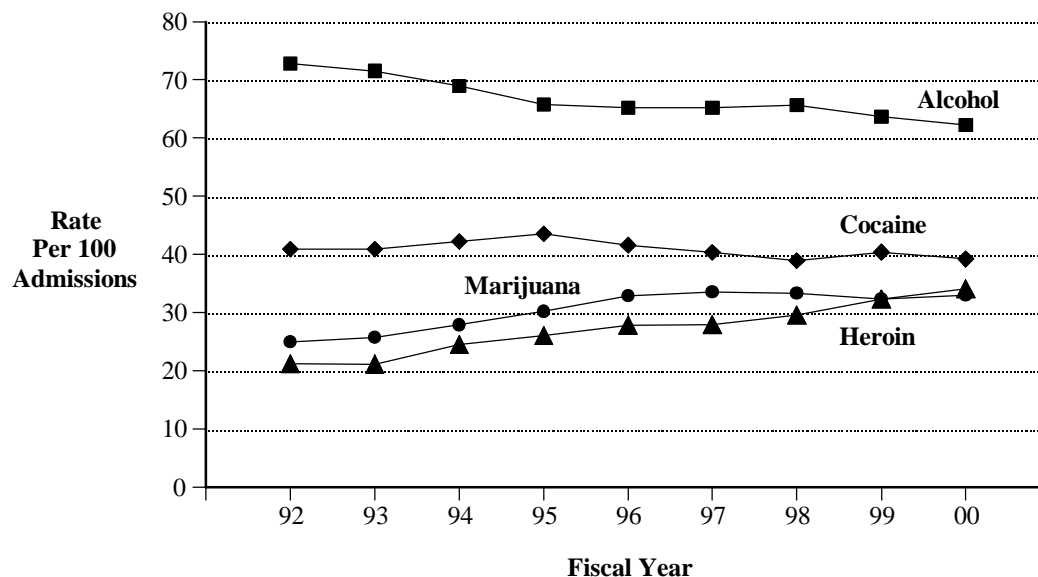## Heroin Mentions Increase Among Maryland Treatment Clients, Now Rival Marijuana Mentions

Heroin is now slightly more likely than marijuana to be reported as a problem by clients entering or leaving Maryland treatment programs, according to data from the Maryland Substance Abuse Management Information System (SAMIS). In FY2000, there were 34.1 heroin mentions per 100 admissions to Maryland substance abuse treatment programs, compared to a rate of 33.0 marijuana mentions per 100 admissions. While alcohol and cocaine continue to be the substances most frequently mentioned as problems among treatment clients, the rate of mentions of these drugs, as well as marijuana, have remained stable or declined during the past few years. At the same time, the rate of heroin mentions has been increasing. In FY2000, the number of heroin mentions increased in 14 of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions.

Rate of Alcohol, Cocaine, Heroin, and Marijuana Mentions (Per 100 Drug Treatment Admissions), Maryland Substance Abuse Treatment Programs, FY1992-FY2000

NOTES: A mention is a report by a client of a substance as a problem. Up to three substances may be reported for each admission. All Maryland treatment programs are required to report to SAMIS as a condition of certification and funding.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the Substance Abuse Management Information System (SAMIS), Maryland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration (ADAA). For more information, contact Erin Artigiani of CESAR at 301-403-8329.