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Updated PMP Model Act to be Voted on at the Annual Conference

After many months of work by NASCSA's Prescription Monitoring Program Committee, NASCSA members will be voting on an updated Model Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Act that has been updated to reflect today's current PMP's.

Members of the PMP

See You in New Orleans!

We look forward to seeing those who will be attending the **32nd Annual Conference** at the Crown Plaza French Quarter in New Orleans, Louisiana next week. As of today we have 42 different states represented at the conference as well as a broad range of industry representatives from a variety of sectors. It is not too late to register, however we would strongly advise anyone interested in attending not to delay. All information is found [here](#).

The weather looks to be beautiful in New Orleans, with temperatures in the mid-high 80's most days and temperatures at night in the high 60's/lower 70's.

Just a few last minute reminders:

Welcoming Reception: Please join us for our welcoming reception on Tuesday night at 6 p.m. on the first day of the program.

Conference Program: Please note that the program has changed slightly, so please click [here](#) for the final program. Please take particular note for the session that takes place on Tuesday morning (Oct. 18). In addition, we have a preliminary attendance list as well as other helpful information [here](#).

Ground Transportation - The hotel does not offer shuttle service from the airport, however there are a number of transportation options found [here](#).

Executive Committee meeting: The Executive Committee will be meeting on Monday, Oct. 17 from 4-6 p.m. in the St. Louis Room. Meetings of the

Committee worked very closely with our consultant Sherry Green along with other stakeholder groups to ensure as much input as possible into this product. Members of the PMP Committee, led by Chair Barb Carter, also included Danna Crenshaw (MS); Christie Frick (SC); Lani Ladao (HI); Joe Fontenot (LA); Kathy Zahn (ND); Ralph Orr (VA); Allison Benz (TX); Tomson George (Walgreens); Carl Flansbaum (Appriss Health); and Lindsey Jones (CVS Health).

A copy of the proposed Model Act is found [here](#).

Please make sure that you have read the Act and bring copies with you to the conference as we will not be providing copies onsite.

State Policies Reduce Opioid Overdoses

Certain state policies to reduce inappropriate opioid prescribing significantly reduced amounts prescribed and prescription opioid overdose death rates during 2006-2013, according to a study released last week in

Executive Committee are open to all members and we encourage you to attend.

Business Meeting(s): All regular members and associate members are strongly encouraged to attend all business sessions to attend to association matters. We plan to be as efficient as possible. The business meeting agenda is found [here](#).

Sponsors - We would like to thank all of our sponsors for 2016-2017. As a small nonprofit organization we sincerely appreciate their support. A current list of sponsors is found [here](#).

Ground Transportation - The hotel does not offer shuttle service from the airport, however there are a number of transportation options found [here](#).

Presentations for the Conference - Responding to the high cost of printing and shipping of conference notebooks, a smaller version of the conference materials will be available for downloading and/or printing. We are still awaiting the majority of presentations and hope to have most posted later this week. Presentations can be found [here](#).

NASCSA Election Update - At the present time there are four (4) openings for the Executive Committee for 2016-2016. Two of the positions are for a 2 year term and 2 positions are for a one-year term. We are delighted to announce that a number of members have expressed an interest in serving on the Executive Committee and as officers. Attached please find the current [biographies](#) of those candidates for election thus far. Note the positions will be awarded based on the total number of votes received and will be done by secret ballot.

Wi-Fi Access - Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available in hotel rooms as well as in the main meeting room.

Attire - Attire is business casual. As meeting spaces are notoriously difficult to manage temperature-wise, we would advise that attendees consider bringing a light sweater or jacket.

Area Dining/Shopping options - For the convenience of attendees we have posted [information](#) about area attractions (there are many) along with information on dining in the area. These materials will also be included in the conference notebook.

Proposed Bylaw Changes - We ask that attendees

[Health Affairs](#). There was no evidence that heroin overdose death rates increased as a result of these policies according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Key Findings

The analysis included 38 states and revealed that combined implementation of mandated provider review of state-run prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) data and pain clinic laws reduced amounts of opioids prescribed by 8 percent and prescription opioid overdose death rates by 12 percent. Additionally, there is no evidence to support the claim that policies to curb opioid prescribing are leading to heroin overdoses. In fact, these policies may actually reduce the number of people initiating heroin use in the longer term by reducing the number of people exposed to opioids both for use as prescribed and for nonmedical use.

CDC is working with states and prescribers to prevent opioid misuse and overdose by tracking and monitoring the epidemic and helping states scale up effective programs. CDC developed the [Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain](#) to help primary care doctors provide safer, more effective care for patients with chronic pain. CDC aims to save lives

read both the summary and listing of [proposed bylaw changes](#) to be voted on at the annual conference.

Proposed Resolutions - Proposed resolutions for consideration during the business meeting are posted [here](#). In addition, a last minute resolution has been introduced which is also posted. This will require a 2/3 majority to be considered for voting purposes.

We look forward to seeing you next week in New Orleans!

New SAMHSA Rule on Medication-Assisted Treatment

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), as part of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), has issued new reporting requirements for physicians who will be authorized to prescribe the opioid use disorder treatment medication buprenorphine at the new limit of 275 patients. The requirements, published on September 27, 2016 in the [Federal Register](#), are a key step in increasing access to medication-assisted treatment for opioid-related disorders.

On July 8, 2016, SAMHSA/HHS published a [final rule](#), "Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders," which allows practitioners who have had a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine for up to 100 patients for a year or more, to now obtain a waiver to treat up to 275 patients. Practitioners are eligible to obtain the waiver if they have additional credentialing in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry from a specialty medical board and/or professional society, or practice in a qualified setting as described in the rule. As of this week, 1,665 practitioners have applied for and been granted waivers to prescribe at the increased limit. This rule was accompanied by a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking, which solicited public comment on proposed reporting requirements for practitioners who increase their patient limit to 275. More information about the NPRM can be [found here](#).

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