

NASCSA News

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Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Seeks Input on Long Term Care Facilities

The US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Office of Diversion control is seeking comments from key stakeholders to exploring whether any further revisions are necessary to DEA regulations to make it easier for residents of LTCFs to receive controlled substance medications. The notice, issued in the June 29, 2010 *Federal Register* recites the pertinent statutory considerations and contains a series of questions designed to elicit public comment that will assist DEA in making this evaluation. The Federal Register notice can be found [here](#).

Please note that DEA is requesting that electronic comments be submitted before midnight Eastern Time on the day the comment period closes because <http://www.regulations.gov> terminates the public's ability to submit comments at midnight Eastern Time on the day the comment period closes. Commenters in time zones other than Eastern Time may want to consider this so that their electronic comments are received. All comments sent via regular or express mail will be considered timely if postmarked on the day the comment period closes.

Written comments must be postmarked and electronic comments must be submitted on or before August 30, 2010. Commenters should be aware that the electronic Federal Docket Management System will not accept comments after midnight Eastern Time on the last day of the comment period.

To ensure proper handling of comments, please reference "Docket No. DEA-337" on all written and electronic correspondence. Written comments being sent via regular or express mail should be sent to the Drug Enforcement Administration, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative/ODL, 8701 Morrissette Drive, Springfield, VA 22152. Comments may be sent to DEA by sending an electronic message to dea.diversion.policy@usdoj.gov. DEA will accept attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, Adobe PDF, or Excel file formats only. DEA will not accept any file formats other than those specifically listed.

Important Reminders!

The deadline for submitting scholarship applications for travel to attend this year's annual conference (October 19-22, 2010 in Charleston, South Carolina is July 31, 2010. Up to six scholarships will be awarded.

Conference materials are now posted on the web at www.NASCSA.org.