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WHEREAS, the abuse of and dependence on opiates, specifically heroin, is a growing concern with addiction;

WHEREAS, the treatment of opiate addicted patients is a necessary and humane component to a balanced strategy of combating this illicit drug concern;

WHEREAS, the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities recognizes that new narcotic treatment medications, such as buprenorphine, may soon be legally approved and available for the treatment of opiate addiction;

WHEREAS, the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities recognizes that new federal legislation, the Children's Health Act of 2000, enacted October 16, 2000, includes provisions to permit physicians to prescribe certain Schedule III through V narcotic treatment medications under certain limitations and conditions, preempting state laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, new federal legislation, new narcotic treatment drugs and new treatment (office-based treatment with prescribing) paradigms will present new challenges to state regulatory and law enforcement agencies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities form a federal-NASCSA-industry work group, to include SAMSHA/CSAT, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Food and Drug Administration, and other appropriate agencies, that will periodically share and review information on issues relating to the implementation of new legislation and the introduction of new treatment medications. The objective of this initiative will be to assure that the provisions of federal and state laws and requirements are met in an expeditious manner, and to minimize public health risk while maximizing access to safe and effective treatment.

ATTEST: _____
President

Date: _____