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**NASCSA Resolution 2010- 03**  
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**A Resolution Recommending that States, Commonwealths, Districts and Territories Define and Address Doctor Shopping**

- WHEREAS,** prescription controlled substances have the potential for abuse and addiction with serious health and societal consequences;
- WHEREAS,** diversion and non-legitimate use of prescription controlled substances have increased in recent years;
- WHEREAS,** prescription controlled substances may be obtained by a person through deception of a health care provider who may be lead to believe there is a legitimate provider-patient relationship;
- WHEREAS,** persons may obtain prescription controlled substances from multiple health care providers without their knowledge of the other prescriptions, an activity referred to as “doctor-shopping”; and
- WHEREAS,** the lack of clarity in some states’ laws presents challenges to prosecuting doctor shopping.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities hereby encourages states, commonwealths, districts and territories to clearly and specifically define doctor shopping and to develop laws and/or regulations to address doctor shopping without negatively impacting access to controlled substances by legitimate patients.



ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

Date: October 22, 2010