

The National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities

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**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING STATES IMPLEMENT LAWS AND/OR REGULATIONS
ALLOWING FOR THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES
PURSUANT TO THE ADOPTED FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

- WHEREAS,** electronic prescribing is a secure and cost effective method of delivering prescriptions from practitioners to pharmacies;
- WHEREAS,** electronic prescribing often enhances patient safety by applying clinical decision support tools; clinical software systems can check each electronic prescription for dosage errors, conflicts with patient allergies, and adverse interactions with other medications;
- WHEREAS,** electronic prescribing minimizes medication errors due to misinterpretations of practitioners' instructions on handwritten prescriptions; curtails prescription forgery and other forms of prescription fraud;
- WHEREAS,** electronic prescribing affords more efficient use of prescribing and dispensing by practitioners and pharmacists, who expend valuable hours in clarifying illegible prescriptions and unclear oral prescriptions;
- WHEREAS,** electronically communicating prescriptions directly to the pharmacy lessens patient waiting time, both in the pharmacy and the practitioner's office;
- WHEREAS,** the federal government and many state and other governments are advocating and promoting Health Information Technology (HIT), of which electronic prescribing is a major component; and
- WHEREAS,** the federal government has sanctioned electronic prescribing of controlled substances;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) hereby recommends states, commonwealths, districts and territories encourage and support the implementation of electronic prescribing of controlled substances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NASCSA recommends states, commonwealths, districts and territories promulgate laws and/or regulations authorizing the electronic prescribing of controlled substances consistent with regulations as authorized by the US Drug Enforcement Administration.



ATTEST: _____

Date: October 21, 2011

President