



National Association of State
Controlled Substances Authorities

NASCSA Resolution 2012-05
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Scottsdale, Arizona

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAMS (PMPs)
AND IN OPPOSITION TO ANY INITIATIVES TO DUPLICATE OR REPLACE PMPs**

- Whereas,** the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) has historically supported prescription monitoring programs by individual states; and
- Whereas,** forty-nine states and one territory have passed legislation to authorize a prescription monitoring program; and
- Whereas,** forty-three states and one territory currently have an operating prescription monitoring program; and
- Whereas,** forty-three PMPs have access to mechanisms to transmit data across state lines to prevent doctor-shopping; and
- Whereas,** thirty PMPs require weekly reporting to their prescription monitoring programs and at least seven require or will soon require daily reporting by dispensers; and
- Whereas,** the PMPs provide prescription information to an authorized healthcare professional who is treating a patient and to an authorized law enforcement officer who is conducting a legitimate investigation of an individual; and
- Whereas,** twelve PMPs have begun to require prescribers and pharmacists to use their state prescription monitoring program in many situations; and
- Whereas,** twenty-nine PMPs provide prescription data when a law enforcement agency is investigating an individual who may be violating drug laws via a prescription; and
- Whereas,** most PMPs actively work with law enforcement agencies to detect prescribers or dispensers who may be trafficking via the prescriptions; and
- Whereas,** many PMPs actively work with law enforcement agencies to identify and prosecute fraud, waste, and abuse by providers and recipients of health care; and
- Whereas,** all PMPs have established security measures to protect patients' privacy; and
- Whereas,** all PMPs collect the data from all covered prescriptions regardless of type of payer and twenty-six states specifically identify those prescriptions for which cash is the primary or only payment type;

Therefore be it resolved that NASCSA support the continued implementation, utilization, collaboration, and enhancement of state prescription monitoring programs, AND

Be it further resolved, the executive committee is directed to seek opportunities to support the states' prescription monitoring programs by participating in meetings, collaborating with interested parties, and writing letters to further support the states' programs; and

Be it further resolved that the NASCSA oppose any initiative or program that duplicates or replaces individual state prescription monitoring programs.

ATTEST: _____
President

Date: _____