



National Association of State
Controlled Substances Authorities

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Scottsdale, Arizona

A Resolution Encouraging Prescriber Access to and Utilization of Prescription Monitoring Programs


WHEREAS, prescription drug abuse has grown to epidemic proportions in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the prescription drug epidemic has led to an increase in unintentional drug overdose death rates in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the prescriber plays a major role in preventing prescription drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, the chances of identifying prescription drug abuse can be greatly increased when the prescriber accesses available prescription monitoring program (PMP) data and utilizes it to identify potential drug seeking behavior by a patient;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) work with appropriate prescriber stakeholder groups to educate prescribers about PMPs and encourage adoption of legislation/regulations that require prescribers to access PMP data prior to issuing a controlled substance prescription to a patient for the first time.

ATTEST: 

President

DATE: October 23, 2015