



National Association of State
Controlled Substances Authorities

NASCSA Resolution 2017-03
October 2017
San Antonio, Texas

**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, the District of Columbia, and the County of St Louis in the state of Missouri currently have an operating prescription monitoring program; and

WHEREAS, forty-two PMPs are actively transmitting data across state lines to identify patients at risk and assist in preventing doctor-shopping; and

WHEREAS, thirty-five PMPs require daily reporting to their prescription monitoring programs by dispensers, with another twelve requiring, at minimum, weekly reporting; and

WHEREAS, the PMPs provide prescription information to an authorized healthcare professional who is treating a patient; and

WHEREAS, thirty-five PMPs have begun to require prescribers and pharmacists to use their state prescription monitoring program in many situations; and

WHEREAS, forty-seven 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 for all covered prescriptions regardless of payer type 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, that NASCSA rescinds resolution 2012-05 and replace it with this most current resolution; 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 NASCSA oppose any initiative or program that duplicates or replaces individual state prescription monitoring programs.



ATTEST: _____
President

DATE: October 19, 2017