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DEA Announces
Drug Take Back
Day

The US Drug
Administration (DEA)
has announced that it
will hold a National
Prescription Drug
Take-Back Day on
September 26, 2015.
Participating
collection sites will be
available on the DEA
[website](#) on
September 1.

Interested in PMP
Legislation?

Due to our recent
collaboration with the
National Alliance for
Model State Drug
Laws (NAMSDL), we
have been provided

Save the Date for 31st Annual NASCSA Conference Oct. 20 - 23, 2015

Hotel Registration Deadline Coming Up

This year's 31st Annual Conference of the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) is a month away so make your travel plans now! The conference will take place at [Hotel Valley Ho in Scottsdale, Arizona](#) October 20-23, 2015. The hotel is in close proximity to shopping and restaurants. All materials including an updated program can be accessible [here](#). Please note that there have been a number of changes to the program so we would advise you to consult the latest program which is available here. Please note that those interested in attending sessions on Prescription Monitoring Programs should plan to attend at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 so please plan your travel accordingly.

In the meantime, below are a few logistics:

Registration - Please make sure to submit your conference registration via email, fax or mail as soon as possible. This allows us ample time to prepare conference name badges and plan for meals/seating during the conference. The form is available [here](#).

Room Rates/Hotel Information -Reservations can be made with the hotel by calling the hotel directly toll-free at (866) 882-4484 (Please refer to the group "National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities" when making reservations). The room rate is \$163 per night single/double occupancy. The hotel features complimentary Wi-Fi access. The hotel is booking up fast so please do not delay in making your reservations as we cannot guarantee the availability of rooms/rates once the block is filled. **The deadline is 9/28/15.**

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with an updated compilation of information on state and federal legislation and regulations pertaining to Prescription Monitoring Programs as a courtesy to members. The latest listing is found [here](#) under the PMP section of our website.

State Regulatory Developments

Did you know that NASCSA publishes a monthly compilation of state regulatory actions related to pharmacy and controlled substances. State Regulatory Developments is located on the website [here](#).

Follow NASCSA on Twitter

NASCSA is pleased to announce that it is now on Twitter and the number of followers continues to grow each month so please follow us at @NASCSA.

Ground Transportation - There are a number of transportation options available to attendees, which are listed [here](#).

Welcome Reception/luncheon - We will again be hosting a welcome dinner as well as a networking luncheon that provides a unique opportunity for attendees to stay on the property and network with their colleagues.

NASCSA is "Going Green." - Once again NASCSA is "going green". Responding to the high cost of printing and shipping of conference notebooks, a smaller version of the conference materials will be provided at the conference. Presentations will be available for attendees the week prior to the conference as well as during the conference. The program, attendee list, speaker list, bylaws, resolutions, etc... will still be available in hard-copy form. This new initiative is consistent with the direction of what many other organizations are doing.

Dress Code - All meetings are "Business Casual" (we want our attendees to be comfortable, ready to learn and participate!). As temperatures in meeting rooms often are variable, we would recommend you bring a light sweater or coat to the meeting just in case. Temperatures in Scottsdale typically low 80's during the day and upper 60's in the evening.

Important Reminder - Please note that the first Business meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 20, 2015, therefore we ask all members to be present at this time to conduct the roll call and establish a quorum at the Business meeting.

- **Business Meeting** - We will be including agendas for the Business meeting in the conference notebook and online. We strongly encourage all attendees to attend.

Make Sure To Check Out Proposed Bylaws/Resolutions

The Resolutions/Bylaws Committee has been hard at work updating NASCSA's bylaws and has posted proposed changes to the bylaws along with written summary of the changes. All members are encouraged to review the proposed bylaw changes in advance of the meeting. The proposed bylaw changes are found [here](#).

The Committee has also been working on a number of resolutions for discussion/voting at the conference.

Among the resolutions to be considered include the following:

- A Resolution Encouraging Pharmacist Access to and Utilization of Prescription Monitoring Programs;
- A Resolution Encouraging Prescriber Access to and Utilization of Prescription Monitoring Programs
- A Resolution Endorsing the Recovery Enhancement for Addiction Treatment Act (Senate Bill 2645)
- A Resolution advocating State Controlled Substance Authorities, Boards of Pharmacy, and Public Policymakers to pursue mandating the electronic e-prescribing of controlled substances
- A Resolution Authorizing NASCSA to Update the Prescription Monitoring Program Model Act Originally Developed by the Alliance of States With Prescription Monitoring Programs
- A Resolution Opposing Direct Access to PMP Data by Third Party Administrators and Insurers
- A Resolution Relative to Consumer Drug Disposal
- A Resolution Recognizing Charles Thomas

Copies of the proposed resolutions are found [here](#).

Latest SAMHSA Report Shows Some Promising Signs

Late last week, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) released the latest National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) report which shows progress in reducing some forms of substance use - especially among adolescents. Substance use levels in many areas, however have remained relatively constant.

SAMHSA issued the [2014 NSDUH report](#) on mental and substance use disorders as part of the kick off for the 26th annual observance of National Recovery Month. Recovery Month broadens public awareness to the fact that behavioral health is essential to health, prevention works, treatment for substance use and mental disorders is effective, and people can and do recover from these disorders.

With regard to substance use, the report found some areas of progress, particularly among adolescents.

For example, the percentage of adolescents aged 12 to 17 who were current (past month) tobacco users declined by roughly half from 15.2 percent in 2002 to 7.0 percent in 2014. Similarly, the level of adolescents engaged in past month illegal alcohol

use dropped from 17.6 percent to 11.5 percent over the same period. The level of current nonmedical users of prescription pain relievers decreased from 3.2 percent in 2002 to 1.9 percent in 2014 among adolescents aged 12 to 17.

Marijuana continues to be the most commonly used illicit drug. In 2014, roughly 8.4 percent of Americans age 12 and older were current users of marijuana - up from 7.5 percent in 2013. Marijuana use is especially growing among those aged 26 and older - from 5.6 percent in 2013 to 6.6 percent in 2014. The percentage of adolescents who were current marijuana users in 2014 (7.4 percent) was similar to recent years.

Although the survey shows nonmedical pain reliever use continues to be the second most common type of illicit drug use, the percentage of people aged 12 or older in 2014 who were current nonmedical users of pain relievers (1.6 percent) was lower than in most years since 2002, and about the same as in 2013.

However, current heroin use increased from 0.1 percent of the population age 12 and older in 2013 to 0.2 in 2014.

Overall, the use of illicit drugs - including marijuana - among Americans aged 12 and older increased from 9.4 percent in 2013 to 10.2 percent in 2014. This was driven particularly by the increase in adult marijuana use.

"The data released today show some signs of progress, including lower levels of nonmedical prescription drug use and teen alcohol and tobacco use; however, we still have significant challenges to address. We know that evidence-based prevention efforts are the most effective way to reduce drug use and to support the roughly 90 percent of American youth who do not use illicit drugs. This Administration will continue to expand community-based efforts to prevent drug use, pursue 'smart on crime' approaches to drug enforcement, increase access to treatment, work to reduce overdose deaths, and support the millions of Americans in recovery," said Michael Botticelli, Director of ONDCP.