



National Association of State  
Controlled Substances Authorities

**NASCSA Resolution 2020-01**  
**October 27, 2020**

**A Resolution Encouraging State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs and Legislatures to Allow Medical Examiners and Coroners in other States and Jurisdictions Access to Prescription Monitoring Data for the Purposes of Investigating and Determining Causes of Death.**

**WHEREAS**, prescription drug abuse is an epidemic in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the prescription drug abuse epidemic has led to an increase in unintentional drug overdose deaths in recent years; and

**WHEREAS**, use of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) data assists medical examiners and coroners in determining causes of death; and

**WHEREAS**, providing a medical examiner or coroner with a complete prescription drug history will enable the most accurate determination regarding causes of death;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities strongly encourages PDMPs and state legislatures to allow medical examiners and coroners in other states and jurisdictions access to their prescription monitoring program data for the purposes of investigating and determining causes of death.

ATTEST: *Joe Fontenot*  
President

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