

National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities

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A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE ADOPTION OF RULES/REGULATIONS REQUIRING MEDICAL FACILITIES TO REPORT EMPLOYEES WHO DIVERT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

WHEREAS, the purpose of The National Association of State Controlled Substance Authorities (NASCSA) is to provide a continuing mechanism through which states, federal agencies and others can work to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of state and national efforts to prevent drug abuse and drug diversion; and

WHEREAS, the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs by healthcare professionals across the United States is a serious public health and safety concern; and

WHEREAS, healthcare professionals have surreptitiously diverted controlled substances, including narcotics, for self-use or distribution; and

WHEREAS, there are thousands of medical facilities such as hospitals, surgery centers, clinics, long term care facilities and hospice agencies that administer and dispense controlled substances to patients; and

WHEREAS, healthcare professionals who divert or are suspected of drug diversion are sometimes not reported, they may choose not to receive treatment, and may move on to other facilities in order to pursue a practice of diversion as a source for drugs while maintaining their license to practice; and

WHEREAS, medical facilities often fail to report healthcare professionals who have diverted controlled substances to regulatory and law enforcement authorities; and

WHEREAS, such healthcare professionals move to other medical facilities and continue to divert controlled substances while maintaining their professional license;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NASCSA hereby encourages each state, commonwealth, district and territory to adopt rules and/or regulations requiring medical facilities to report healthcare professionals who have diverted controlled substances to responsible regulatory and law enforcement authorities.

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President

Date: October 24, 2014