NASCSA Resolution 2019-01
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Richmond, VA

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION TO ALLOW OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS TO DISCLOSE DISPENSING DATA TO STATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, Use of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) information assists prescribers and dispensers to make informed treatment and dispensing decisions; and

WHEREAS, patient safety is of paramount importance, and many drugs dispensed by opioid treatment programs (OTPs) could have life-threatening and even deadly consequences if not properly coordinated with those prescribed and dispensed outside of OTPs; and

WHEREAS, PDMPs are more effective healthcare tools when they include all available controlled substance dispensing information for all patients; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services is accepting comments regarding changes to the Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Record regulations until 5 p.m. on October 25, 2019.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) strongly encourages the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to amend § 2.36 to 42 CFR Part 2 permitting opioid treatment programs (OTPs) to disclose dispensing data with no requirement for patient consent, as required by applicable state law, to PDMPs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that NASCSA submit this resolution by 5 p.m. on October 25, 2019 in support of the aforementioned proposed changes to the Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Record regulations.

ATTEST: October 24, 2019

President

Date: ________________________

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