A Resolution Recommending that States, Commonwealths, Districts and Territories Define and Address Doctor Shopping

WHEREAS, prescription controlled substances have the potential for abuse and addiction with serious health and societal consequences;

WHEREAS, diversion and non-legitimate use of prescription controlled substances have increased in recent years;

WHEREAS, prescription controlled substances may be obtained by a person through deception of a health care provider who may be lead to believe there is a legitimate provider-patient relationship;

WHEREAS, persons may obtain prescription controlled substances from multiple health care providers without their knowledge of the other prescriptions, an activity referred to as "doctor-shopping"; and

WHEREAS, the lack of clarity in some states’ laws presents challenges to prosecuting doctor shopping.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities hereby encourages states, commonwealths, districts and territories to clearly and specifically define doctor shopping and to develop laws and/or regulations to address doctor shopping without negatively impacting access to controlled substances by legitimate patients.

ATTEST:______________________
President

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