



National Association of State
Controlled Substances Authorities

NASCSA Resolution 2012-04
October 2012
Scottsdale, Arizona

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO MODERATE THE INAPPROPRIATE
UTILIZATION OF HYDROCODONE COMBINATION PRODUCTS**

WHEREAS, the Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee of the US Food and Drug Administration will be meeting on October 29-30, 2012 to discuss the potential for abuse of drugs containing hydrocodone products either combined with other analgesics or as an antitussive; and

WHEREAS, the non-medical use of hydrocodone has resulted in numerous drug overdose deaths, emergency room visits and hospitalizations, as well as the loss of productive work time; and

WHEREAS, the non-medical use of hydrocodone can result in physical dependence and addiction; and

WHEREAS, policy solutions addressing the inappropriate utilization of hydrocodone combination products can have significant unintended consequences in restricting access to good pain care for people who need it; and

WHEREAS, these policy solutions also can result in substantially increased costs to federal and state governments, insurance providers, employers, wholesale pharmacy distributors, retail pharmacies, and people with pain;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities' Executive Committee is requested by its membership to communicate in writing its support of policy efforts to moderate the inappropriate utilization of hydrocodone combination products and to attend any meetings as requested by federal agencies on this issue in order to communicate its support.

ATTEST: _____
President

Date: _____