



National Association of State
Controlled Substances Authorities

NASCSA Resolution 2013-02
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Kansas City, Missouri

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING JURISDICTIONS TO ADOPT PRESCRIPTION
DRUG MONITORING PROGRAMS THAT INCORPORATE INTEROPERABILITY OF
DATA**

WHEREAS, Use of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs assists prescribers and dispensers to make informed treatment and dispensing decisions;

WHEREAS, Use of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs is an effective, time saving, and cost-effective investigative tool for law enforcement and regulatory personnel;

WHEREAS, Patients will travel to other jurisdictions to obtain prescriptions for legitimate and illegitimate purposes

WHEREAS, There are 47 jurisdictions with operational Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs but only 28 jurisdictions have signed MOUs to be interoperable with other programs, only 20 have implemented interoperability, and several programs do not have authority to share data with other state Prescription Monitoring Programs; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) recommends to legislatures and regulatory agencies in all jurisdictions that they evaluate the adequacy of existing laws and regulations pertaining to Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NASCSA recommends that where necessary, states pursue legislation and regulatory remedies that enable more effective efforts to promote and implement interoperability capabilities for all Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs.

ATTEST:
President

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Date: October 25, 2013