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National Association of State  
Controlled Substances Authorities

**NASCSA Resolution 2016-03**  
**October 2016**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana**

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE OVER-THE-COUNTER STATUS AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR NALOXONE BY ALL PAYERS**

**WHEREAS**, Overdose deaths from prescription opioids and illegal opioids such as heroin continue at an epidemic rate;

**WHEREAS**, Naloxone is the standard of practice emergency medication antidote to reverse an opioid overdose and has been demonstrated to save thousands of lives nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, Naloxone can be easily administered by trained lay persons to those experiencing an overdose;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) strongly encourages that manufacturers and the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) collaborate to seek over-the-counter (OTC) status for Naloxone products;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NASCSA communicate to the American Association of Health Plans, the National Association of State Medicaid Directors as well as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services encouraging coverage by all payers should Naloxone be classified as an OTC product.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_