



National Association of State
Controlled Substances Authorities

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A Resolution Encouraging State Authorities Responsible for the Regulation of Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) to Establish Guidelines for OTPs to Obtain Patient Consent and Report 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 patients; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration have promulgated a final rule that revises regulations governing the Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records (42 CFR Part 2) to permit OTPs, with patient consent and consistent with state law, to report dispensed controlled substances to PDMPs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities strongly encourages the state authorities responsible for the regulation of OTPs to establish guidelines for OTPs to obtain patient consent and report dispensing data to PDMPs.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that NASCSA encourages legislators to review state law and remove any legislative barriers that may prevent OTPs from reporting to PDMPs.

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