

House Passes NASPER Reauthorization

SEPTEMBER 23, 2010 - As part of the ASIPP 12th Annual Meeting in June, ASIPP members lobbied on Capitol Hill for the reauthorization of NASPER in addition to physician payment reform, reimbursement reform for outpatient interventional surgical procedures in the ASC setting, and the National Pain Care Policy Act. Since then, ASIPP and its board have worked to keep the attention of Washington on these issues.

Today we are pleased to announce a great first step toward the ultimate passing of NASPER. Only hours ago in a vote of 384 to 32, the house overwhelmingly approved the reauthorization of NASPER. Now this reauthorization bill (H.R. 5710) will head to the Senate for final approval before it can gain the signature of the President.

While this is not the final vote, it is an important step to the ultimate reauthorization of NASPER which we will continue to work to realize.

What Is NASPER?

The **National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act**, or **NASPER**, is a bill proposed by the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians to provide and improve patient access with quality care, and protect patients and physicians from deleterious effects of controlled substance misuse, abuse and trafficking.

A DEA Link with FAQs

http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/faq/rx_monitor.htm

Here is a story about the effort:

States to begin.

The [AP](#) (10/15, Dalesio) reported, "Starting next year, dozens of states will begin knitting together databases to watch prescription drug abuse, from powerful painkillers to diet pills." States "are being asked to sign onto an agreement allowing police, pharmacies and physicians to check suspicious prescription pill patterns from Nevada to North Carolina." But, "civil liberties and privacy advocates have objected to the state databases, which would be linked with technology and standards developed by the Justice and Homeland Security departments." The databases "alert physicians and pharmacies to patients who see several doctors to collect multiple prescriptions, letting them judge whether to refuse a potential abuser."

Link to NASPER:

<http://www.nasper.org/index.htm>