

**THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS**  
**CSG GOVERNING BOARD/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION ON**  
**THE PATIENT PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE**

**WHEREAS,** Prescription drugs are an integral part of modern medical care, making it possible for Americans to lead longer, healthier and more productive lives; and

**WHEREAS,** Millions of low-income uninsured, elderly and disabled Americans do not have prescription drug coverage; and

**WHEREAS,** Pharmaceutical assistance programs can make a significant difference in the financial and physical health of the uninsured; and

**WHEREAS,** Pharmaceutical companies have voluntarily developed various kinds of patient pharmaceutical assistance programs that help low-income individuals access the drugs they need, however, each company has a separate application process and differing eligibility requirements; and

**WHEREAS,** Some patients may have difficulty completing and submitting multiple forms to access this assistance; and

**WHEREAS,** Federal anti-trust laws hamper pharmaceutical companies from collaborating to create a common application for patient pharmaceutical assistance; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** The Council of State Governments calls on the Federal government to allow pharmaceutical companies to collaborate to create a universal application form for patient prescription drug assistance programs.

Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2003, at the  
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Governor Mike Huckabee  
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