

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Placement of Cenobamate into Schedule V for Controlled Substances


WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control (Board) shall designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), issued an interim final rule placing cenobamate and its salts in schedule V of the federal Controlled Substance Act, effective March 10, 2020. F.R. Volume 85, Number 47, pp. 13741-13746;

WHEREAS, cenobamate is a new molecular entity with central nervous system depressant properties, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration have recently approved the use of cenobamate for the acute treatment of partial-onset seizures in adult patients;

WHEREAS, according to its interim final rule, the DEA has concluded cenobamate has a low potential for abuse relative to the drugs or other substances in schedule IV, a currently accepted medical use in the United States, and may lead to limited physical dependence or psychological dependence relative to the drugs or other substances in schedule IV; therefore, cenobamate should be placed in schedule V of the federal Controlled Substances Act effective March 10, 2020; and

THEREFORE, the Board of Health and Environmental Control adopts the federal scheduling of cenobamate and amends Section 44-53-270 of the South Carolina Code of Laws by adding and designating into Schedule V of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act: cenobamate [(1R)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-(tetrazol-2-yl)ethyl] carbamate and its salts.



Mark Elam, Chairman

S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control

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