

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Placement of Zuranolone into Schedule IV for Controlled Substances

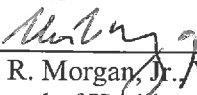
WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control (Board) shall designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”), issued an interim final rule placing zuranolone, including its salts, in schedule IV of the federal Controlled Substance Act, effective October 31, 2023. F.R. Volume 88, Number 209, pp. 74347-74352;

WHEREAS, zuranolone is a new molecular entity, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration have recently approved the use of zuranolone for the treatment of post-partum depression; and

WHEREAS, according to its interim final rule, the DEA has concluded zuranolone has a potential for abuse similar to 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 III but similar to other substances in schedule IV; therefore, zuranolone should be placed in schedule IV of the federal Controlled Substances Act effective October 31, 2023;

THEREFORE, the Board of Health and Environmental Control adopts the federal scheduling of Zuranolone and amends Section 44-53-250 of the South Carolina Code of Laws by adding and designating into Schedule IV of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act: Zuranolone including its salts.



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