



From the Desk of the Interim Director

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SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Placement of Seven Specific Fentanyl Related Substances in Schedule I for Controlled Substances

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the S.C. Department of Public Health 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 a final rule placing para-chlorofentanyl, ortho-chlorofentanyl, meta-fluorofuranyl fentanyl, ortho-methylcyclopropyl fentanyl, beta-methylacetyl fentanyl, tetrahydrothiofuranyl fentanyl, and para-fluoro valeryl fentanyl, including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts and salts of isomers, esters and ethers, in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act (“CSA”), effective September 18, 2025. F.R. Volume 90, Number 179, pp. 44979-44984;

WHEREAS, the DEA has concluded that para-chlorofentanyl, ortho-chlorofentanyl, meta-fluorofuranyl fentanyl, ortho-methylcyclopropyl fentanyl, beta-methylacetyl fentanyl, tetrahydrothiofuranyl fentanyl, and para-fluoro valeryl fentanyl have a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and lack accepted safety for use under medical supervision, and therefore placed these seven specific fentanyl related substances, in schedule I of the CSA; and

THEREFORE, the Department of Public Health adopts the federal scheduling of para-chlorofentanyl, ortho-chlorofentanyl, meta-fluorofuranyl fentanyl, ortho-methylcyclopropyl fentanyl, beta-methylacetyl fentanyl, tetrahydrothiofuranyl fentanyl, and para-fluoro valeryl fentanyl, including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts and salts of isomers, esters and ethers into Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act:

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