



*From the Desk of the Interim Director*

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**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Placement of 4-Chloromethcathinone 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 4-chloromethcathinone (4-CMC, 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(methyamino)propan-1-one), including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act (“CSA”), effective December 17, 2025. F.R. Volume 90, Number 219, pp 51102-51105;

WHEREAS, the DEA has concluded that 4-chloromethcathinone has a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and lacks accepted safety for use under medical supervision, and therefore placed 4-chloromethcathinone in schedule I of the CSA; and

THEREFORE, the Department of Public Health adopts the federal scheduling of 4-chloromethcathinone (4-CMC, 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(methyamino)propan-1-one), including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, into Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act:

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