

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Placement of lorcaserin (BELVIQ®) into Schedule IV for Controlled Substances

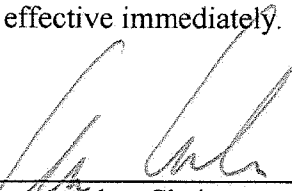
Whereas, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(4), the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control (Board) is authorized to designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance; and

Whereas, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) published on May 8, 2013, a final rule placing “the substance lorcaserin, including its salts, isomers and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible, into Schedule IV of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA)” with the effective date of June 7, 2013. F.R. Volume 78, Number 89, pp. 26701-26705; <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-05-08/pdf/2013-10895.pdf>; and

Whereas, the DEA final rule states that available data and information for lorcaserin indicate that it has an overall abuse potential comparable to other Schedule IV substances, a current accepted medical use in treatment in the U.S., and abuse may lead to limited physical or psychological dependence relative to any Schedule III substances; and

Now, therefore, lorcaserin is hereby designated and added as Schedule IV Controlled Substances pursuant to the S.C. Controlled Substances Act, effective immediately.

June 4, 2013
Columbia, South Carolina



Allen Amsler, Chairman
S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control