

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Placement of the synthetic opioid, *N*-(1-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)-*N*-phenylfuran-2-carboxamide (furanyl fentanyl), into Schedule I of the S.C. Controlled Substances Act

Whereas, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control (Board) is authorized to add a substance as a controlled substance if the federal government has so designated; and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), published on November 29, 2016, its Final Order to temporarily schedule the synthetic opioid, *N*-(1-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)-*N*-phenylfuran-2-carboxamide (furanyl fentanyl) into Schedule I, pursuant to the scheduling provisions of the Controlled Substances Act, effectively immediately. This action is based on a finding by the Administrator that the placement of this synthetic opioid into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) is necessary to avoid an imminent hazard to the public safety. <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-11-29/pdf/2016-28693.pdf>.

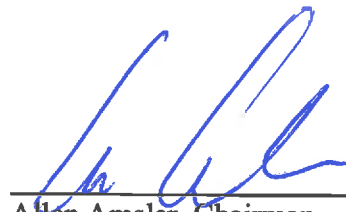
Whereas, the DEA states that available data and information indicates the synthetic opioid, *N*-(1-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)-*N*-phenylfuran-2-carboxamide (furanyl fentanyl), has a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in the U.S., and a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision, meeting the criteria for placement in Schedule I;

Whereas, the DEA is currently aware of at least 128 confirmed fatalities associated with furanyl fentanyl. Based on the documented case reports of overdose fatalities, the abuse of furanyl fentanyl leads to the same qualitative public health risks as heroin, fentanyl and other opioid analgesic substances. The public health risks attendant to the abuse of heroin and opioid analgesics are well established and have resulted in large numbers of drug treatment admissions, emergency department visits, and fatal overdoses.

Therefore, in accordance with S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the synthetic opioid, *N*-(1-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)-*N*-phenylfuran-2-carboxamide, its isomers, esters, ethers, salts and salts of isomers, esters and ethers (Other name: furanyl fentanyl) is hereby designated and added as a Schedule I Controlled Substance pursuant to the S.C. Controlled Substances Act, effective immediately.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

December 8, 2016
Columbia, South Carolina



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