

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

**Rescheduling of Hydrocodone Combination Products
from Schedule III to Schedule II for Controlled Substances**

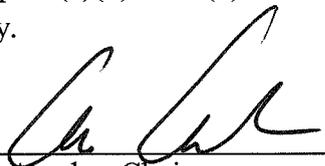
Whereas, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control (Board) is authorized to designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance; and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), published on August 22, 2014, a final rule to reschedule hydrocodone combination products (HCPs) from schedule III to schedule II, effective on October 6, 2014. F.R. Volume 79, Number 163, pp. 49661-49682; <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-08-22/pdf/2014-19922.pdf>; and

Whereas, the DEA final rule states that available data and information indicate that HCPs meet the necessary findings on the high potential for abuse, currently accepted medical use in treatment in the U.S., and severe physical or psychological dependence for placement in schedule II;

Now, therefore, HCPs are hereby rescheduled from schedule III to schedule II controlled substances, effective October 6, 2014, by amending Section 44-53-230 of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act by removing paragraphs (e)(3) and (4) and redesignating paragraphs (e)(5) through (8) as (e)(3) through(6), respectively.

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Columbia, South Carolina



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