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Exempt Action: Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board of Pharmacy, Department of Health Professions
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	18VAC110-20
VAC Chapter title(s)	Regulations Governing the Practice of Pharmacy
Action title	March 2023 scheduling and de-scheduling of drugs and chemicals pursuant to federal scheduling actions July 7, 2022 – February 3, 2023
Final agency action date	March 30, 2023
Date this document prepared	March 30, 2023

This information is required for executive branch review pursuant to Executive Order 19 (2022) (EO 19), any instructions or procedures issued by the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM) or the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) pursuant to EO 19. In addition, this information is required by the Virginia Registrar of Regulations pursuant to the Virginia Register Act (§ 2.2-4100 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). Regulations must conform to the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1 VAC 7-10), and the *Form and Style Requirements for the Virginia Register of Regulations and Virginia Administrative Code*.

Brief Summary

Provide a brief summary (preferably no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs) of this regulatory change (i.e., new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or repeal of an existing regulation). Alert the reader to all substantive matters. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

As specified in Va. Code § 54.1-3443, the Board of Pharmacy has made five amendments to Schedules I and IV to conform Virginia scheduled drugs with federal scheduling actions. These amendments represent deletions and additions made by the federal government from July 7, 2022 through February 3, 2023. This action is exempt in accordance with Va. Code § 2.2-4006 of the Virginia Administrative Process Act.

Mandate and Impetus

Identify the mandate for this regulatory change and any other impetus that specifically prompted its initiation (e.g., new or modified mandate, internal staff review, petition for rulemaking, periodic review, or board decision). For purposes of executive branch review, "mandate" has the same meaning as defined in the ORM procedures, "a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part."

The impetus of this action is scheduling or de-scheduling of drugs by the federal government and the Board's subsequent action pursuant to Va. Code § 54.1-3443(E).

Statement of Final Agency Action

Provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including: 1) the date the action was taken; 2) the name of the agency taking the action; and 3) the title of the regulation.

On March 30, 2023, the Board of Pharmacy amended 18VAC110-20-323 of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Pharmacy to schedule and de-schedule drugs and chemicals to conform to federal scheduling actions in accordance with Va. Code § 54.1-3443(E).