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INSPECTIONS, APPEALS, AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT[481]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to controlled and precursor substances and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Board of Pharmacy hereby proposes to amend Chapter 553, "Controlled and Precursor Substances," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 124.201(4) and 124.201A(2).

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 124.201(4) and 124.201A(2).

Purpose and Summary

The purpose of this proposed rulemaking is to add 20 substances to Schedule I, 1 substance to Schedule IV, and 3 substances to the list of precursor substances in the Iowa Controlled Substances Act (CSA) in response to similar scheduling action taken by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration. This proposed rulemaking would add cannabis-derived products that are components of a Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved prescription drug medication to Schedule III of the Iowa CSA in response to similar action by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration and as required by Iowa Code section 124.201A(2).

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 30, 2026. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 20, 2026

Changes from the Regulatory Analysis have been made to better align this proposed rulemaking with Iowa Code section 124.201A(2).

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 7—Chapter 2504.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 15, 2026. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

December 15, 2026	6200 Park Avenue, Suite 100
11:30 a.m.	Des Moines, Iowa

Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department and advise of specific needs.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind rule 481—553.13(124,124B) and adopt the following **new** rule in lieu thereof:

481—553.13(124,124B) Temporary designation of controlled and precursor substances.

553.13(1) For cannabis-derived products, the board will modify the schedule of controlled substances in accordance with Iowa Code section 124.201A.

553.13(2) Amend Iowa Code section 124.204(4) by adding the following new paragraph:

cr. 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(methylamino)propan-1-one. Other names: 4—CMC, 4-Chloromethcathinone.

cs. 3-methoxyphencyclidine. Other names: 1-(1-(3-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexyl)piperidine; 3-MeO—PCP.

553.13(3) Amend Iowa Code section 124.204(9) by adding the following new paragraphs:

y. 2-(2-((2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-5-yl)methyl)-5-nitro-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-N,N-diethylethan-1-amine, its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters and ethers. Other name: Ethyleneoxynitazene.

z. 2-(2-(benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)-5-nitro-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-N,N-diethylethan-1-amine, its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters and ethers. Other names: Methylenedioxynitazene; 3',4'-methylenedioxynitazene.

aa. 2-(2-(4-ethoxybenzyl)-5-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-N,N-diethylethan-1-amine, its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters and ethers. Other name: 5-methyl etodesnitazene.

ab. 2-(2-(4-ethoxybenzyl)-5-nitro-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-N-ethylethan-1-amine, its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters and ethers. Other name: N-desethyl etonitazene.

ac. N-ethyl-2-(5-nitro-2-(4-propoxybenzyl)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)ethan-1-amine, its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters and ethers. Other name: N-desethyl protonitazene.

ad. 2-(2-(4-ethoxybenzyl)-5-nitro-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)-N,N-dimethylethan-1-amine, its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters and ethers. Other name: N,N-dimethylamino etonitazene.

ae. 2-(4-isopropoxybenzyl)-5-nitro-1-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)-1H-benzimidazole, its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters and ethers. Other name: N-pyrrolidino isotonitazene.

af. 8-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-4H-benzo[f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers. Other name: bromazolam.

ag. 2-Fluorodeschloroketamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers. Other names: 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-(methylamino)cyclohexan-1-one, 2-FDCK.

ah. O-Desmethyltramadol. Other names: O-DSMT; desmetramadol; 3-[(1R,2R)-2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]-1-hydroxycyclohexyl]phenol.

ai. Methyl (E)-2-((1'S,6'S,7'S)-6'-ethyl-4-methoxy-3-oxo-3',5',6',7',8',8a'-hexahydro-2'H-spiro[indoline-2,1'-indolizine]-7'-yl)-3-methoxyacrylate including its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible. Other name: mitragynine pseudoindoxyl. Since nomenclature of this substance is not internationally standardized, compounds of this structure, regardless of numerical designation of atomic positions, are covered.

aj. Methyl (E)-2-((2S,3S,7aS,12aR,12bS)-3-ethyl-7a-hydroxy-8-methoxy-1,2,3,4,6,7,7a,12,12a,12b-decahydroindolo[2,3-a]quinolizin-2-yl)-3-methoxyacrylate including its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible. Other names: MGM—15; dihydro-7-hydroxymitragynine. Since nomenclature of this substance is not internationally standardized, compounds of this structure, regardless of numerical designation of atomic positions, are covered.

ak. Methyl (E)-2-((2S,3S,7aS,12aR,12bS)-3-ethyl-9-fluoro-7a-hydroxy-8-methoxy-1,2,3,4,6,7,7a,12,12a,12b-decahydroindolo[2,3-a]quinolizin-2-yl)-3-methoxyacrylate including its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, eithers, and salts is possible. Other names: MGM—16; 9-fluoro-dihydro-7-hydroxymitragynine; 10-fluoro-dihydro-7-hydroxymitragynine (depending on numbering convention). Since nomenclature of this substance is not internationally standardized, compounds of this structure, regardless of numerical designation of atomic positions, are covered.

al. 1-(1-(1-(4-bromophenyl)ethyl)piperidin-4-yl)-5,6-dichloro-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-one, its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers. Other names: 5,6-dichloro brorphine; SR—14968.

am. 5,6-dichloro-1-(1-(4-chlorobenzyl)piperidin-4-yl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-one, its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers. Other names: 5,6-dichloro desmethylchlorphine; SR—17018.

an. 3-(3-(1-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)propanenitrile, its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers. Other names: N-propionitrile chlorphine; cychlorphine.

ao. 8-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl)-1-phenyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-one, its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers. Other names: spirochlorphine; R—6890.

553.13(4) Amend Iowa Code section 124B.2(1) by adding the following new paragraphs:

ak. 1-boc-4-piperidone (tert-butyl 4-oxopiperidine-1-carboxylate) and its salts.

al. Propionyl chloride.

am. P2P methyl glycidic acid (2-methyl-3-phenyloxirane-2-carboxylic acid; BMK glycidic acid) and its esters, its optical and geometric isomers, its salts, salts of its optical and geometric isomers and its esters, and any combination thereof, whenever the existence of such is possible, including the following:

(i) Methyl ester of P2P methyl glycidic acid (methyl 2-methyl-3-phenyloxirane-2-carboxylate; P2P methyl glycidicate; BMK methyl glycidicate).

(ii) Ethyl ester of P2P methyl glycidic acid (ethyl 2-methyl-3-phenyloxirane-2-carboxylate; P2P ethyl glycidicate; BMK ethyl glycidicate).

(iii) Propyl ester of P2P methyl glycidic acid (propyl 2-methyl-3-phenyloxirane-2-carboxylate; P2P propyl glycidicate; BMK propyl glycidicate).

(iv) Isopropyl ester of P2P methyl glycidic acid (isopropyl 2-methyl-3-phenyloxirane-2-carboxylate; P2P isopropyl glycidicate; BMK isopropyl glycidicate).

(v) Butyl ester of P2P methyl glycidic acid (butyl 2-methyl-3-phenyloxirane-2-carboxylate; P2P butyl glycidicate; BMK butyl glycidicate).

(vi) Isobutyl ester of P2P methyl glycidic acid (isobutyl 2-methyl-3-phenyloxirane-2-carboxylate; P2P isobutyl glycidicate; BMK isobutyl glycidicate).

(vii) sec-Butyl ester of P2P methyl glycidic acid (sec-butyl 2-methyl-3-phenyloxirane-2-carboxylate; P2P sec-butyl glycidicate; BMK sec-butyl glycidicate.

(viii)tert-Butyl ester of P2P methyl glycidic acid (tert-butyl 2-methyl-3-phenyloxirane-2-carboxylate; P2P tert-butyl glycidicate; BMK tert-butyl glycidicate.

553.13(5) Amend Iowa Code section 124.204(6) by adding the following new paragraph:

n. 1-(4-fluorophenyl)propan-2-amine. Other names: para-fluoroamphetamine, 4—FA, 4-Fluoroamphetamine.

553.13(6) Amend Iowa Code section 124.208(9) by adding the following new paragraphs:

c. Marijuana, as defined in Iowa Code section 124.101(20), in a U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved prescription drug medication.

d. Marijuana extract, as defined in 21 CFR 1308.11(d), in a U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved prescription drug medication.

e. Naturally derived delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinols in a U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved prescription drug medication.

(1) Naturally derived delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinols means those delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinols, except as in paragraphs 553.13(6)*"c"* and *"d,"* that are naturally contained in a plant of the genus Cannabis (cannabis plant).

(2) Naturally derived delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinols do not include any material, compound, mixture, or preparation that falls within the definition of hemp set forth in 7 U.S.C. §1639o.

(3) Naturally derived delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinols do not include any delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinols contained in substances excluded from the definition of marijuana as set forth in Iowa Code section 124.101(20).

553.13(7) Amend Iowa Code section 124.210(3) by adding the following new paragraph:

bi. Cipepofol.