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Iowa Board Approved Medical Marijuana Recommendation to Legislature

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As a follow-up to the decision made in February 2010, the Iowa Board of Pharmacy approved its recommendation to the Iowa Legislature that marijuana be reclassified as a Schedule II controlled substance, on November 2, 2010. The Iowa Board's February 2010 decision was informed by a series of public meetings held in 2009, as well as by research and public comments. If the state adopted a law to reschedule the drug, the change could allow medical uses of the drug in Iowa. According to Des Moines' [KCCI News](#), Iowa legislators do not have an interest in debating the issue in the upcoming legislative sessions. The Board was petitioned to make rules related to rescheduling the drug at their November 2, 2010 meeting, but did not take action on this request. Vernon Benjamin, RPh, chairperson, Iowa Board of Pharmacy, explained to KCCI reporters that issues related to the production of marijuana for medical use, establishing proper prescription dosages, and setting penalties should be addressed through the state legislative process. More information about the Board's February 2010 decision is available in the [NABP Newsroom](#).

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