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# News Release

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## Marijuana is not available by prescription

Board votes to make marijuana a Schedule II drug on June 16, 2010

Portland — By moving marijuana from Schedule 1 to Schedule 2 on the Oregon list of controlled substances, the Board of Pharmacy intended only to comply with ORS 475.059 (2009 Senate Bill 728) to correct a technical conflict in the law and in no way intended to infer or imply that it is or should be available by prescription. In fact, marijuana is not available by prescription.

The " . . . *available by prescription.*" reference in the 6/16/2010 press release issued by the Board was included only to draw a distinction between the schedules. Schedule 1 controlled substances are not available by prescription for medical use in the United States. Schedule 2 controlled substances are commercially available drug products approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use by prescription (with the exception of marijuana now on the Oregon list).

**Marijuana or products containing any amount of marijuana will not be available by prescription in Oregon unless they have been approved by the FDA.**

The Board of Pharmacy's action to reschedule marijuana on the state list does not supersede federal law or create a direct conflict with federal law. It simply does not address federal law.

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