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State Committee of Public Health adds propofol to Alabama Controlled Substances List

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The State Committee of Public Health has approved the scheduling of the anesthetic propofol to Schedule IV of the Alabama Controlled Substances List.

Propofol has an appropriate medical usage to sedate people quickly for surgeries, but its potential for misuse led to the scheduling of this fast-acting drug. The Alabama Controlled Substances List divides drugs and other substances into five schedules based on abuse potential, taking into account the risk to public or individual health.

The new scheduling will become effective Aug. 27.

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