

Table 1
Federal Schedules for Controlled Substances

Schedule 1 (C-I)	<p>High potential for abuse; no current accepted medical use in the United States. Hallucinogenic substances; heroin and certain other opioids; methaqualone Not for prescription use, but available for research, instructional use and chemical analysis purposes</p>
Schedule 2 (C-II)	<p>High potential for abuse; currently accepted medical use in the United States; high potential for abuse; severe liability to cause psychic or physical dependence. Opium, morphine, codeine, hydromorphone, oxycodone, oxymorphone, methadone, fentanyl, dextroamphetamine, methamphetamine, methylphenidate, amobarbital, pentobarbital, secobarbital, diphenoxylate Written prescription required except in emergency, no refills, written prescriptions may be transmitted by fax in some instances (see text)</p>
Schedule 3 (C-III)	<p>Potential for abuse that is less than those in Schedules I and II; their abuse may lead to moderate or low physical dependence or high psychological dependence than substances in Schedules 1 or 2. Combinations of codeine with aspirin or acetaminophen; certain sedative drugs Oral prescription orders allowed Prescription orders valid for 6 months 5 refills allowed in 6 months</p>
Schedule 4 (C-IV)	<p>Low potential for abuse relative that leads only to limited physical dependence or psychological dependence relative to drugs in Schedule III. Benzodiazepines, phenobarbital, propoxyphene, certain sedative drugs Same restrictions as for Schedule III</p>
Schedule 5 (C-V)	<p>Potential for abuse that is less that the drugs in Schedule IV; may be dispensed without a prescription order.</p>