that there is not a consensus of medical opinion concerning medical applications of marijuana.

Alternatively, a drug can be considered to have “a currently accepted medical use with severe restrictions” (21 U.S.C. 812(b)(2)(B)). Although some evidence exists that some form of marijuana may prove to be effective in treating a number of conditions, research on the medical use of marijuana has not progressed to the point that marijuana can be considered to have a “currently accepted medical use with severe restrictions.”

3. There Is a Lack of Accepted Safety for Use of Marijuana Under Medical Supervision

There are no FDA-approved marijuana products. Marijuana does not have a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States or a currently accepted medical use with severe restrictions. As discussed earlier, the known risks of marijuana use are not outweighed by any potential benefits. In addition, the agency cannot conclude that marijuana has an acceptable level of safety without assurance of a consistent and predictable potency and without proof that the substance is free of contamination. If marijuana is to be investigated more widely for medical use, information and data regarding the chemistry, manufacturing and specifications of marijuana must be developed. Therefore, FDA concludes that, even under medical supervision, marijuana has not been shown to have an acceptable level of safety. FDA therefore recommends that marijuana be maintained in Schedule I of the CSA.

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