CONCEPT: LACTONES, LACTAMS AND CYCLIZATION REACTIONS

Hydroxycarboxylic acids and aminocarboxylic acids can be made to cyclize, forming lactones and lactams, respectively.

• 5 and 6-membered rings can cyclize *spontaneously*

Lactones and Lactams:

HO
$$\delta$$
-hydroxyvaleric acid δ -lactone β -lactam δ -lactam δ -lactam δ -lactam δ -lactam

EXAMPLE: Provide the correct structure for the following cyclization reaction and name the new functional group.

Formation of cyclic anhydrides and imides: