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Comments are available for public viewing on the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in person, during regular business hours, by arranging with the contact person identified below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Quatroche, Office of Disability Policy, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235–6401, (410) 966–4794. For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call our national toll-free number, 1–800–772–1213 or TTY 1–800–325–0778, or visit our Internet site, Social Security Online, at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document extends the comment period to Monday, December 14, 2015, for the advanced notice of proposed rulemaking that we published on September 14, 2015. We are extending the comment period in light of the comments we anticipate receiving from our National Disability Forum occurring on November 20, 2015, which includes a panel discussion on the topic of our vocational factors. If you have already provided comments on the proposed rules, we will consider your comments and you do not need to resubmit them.

Social Security Administration— National Disability Forum

Friday, November 20, 2015, 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m., National Education Association, 1201 16th Street NW., Washington, DC 20036

Speakers

- Paul Van de Water—Center on Budget and Policy Priorities—Moderator
- Kate Lang—Justice in Aging
- Rebecca Vallas—Center for American Progress
- Mark Warshawsky—Mercatus Center at George Mason University
- Ross Eisenbrey—Economic Policy Institute
- Kim Hildred—Hildred Consulting, LLC

Carolyn W. Colvin,

Acting Commissioner of Social Security.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 1271

[Docket No. FDA–2014–D–1696]

Minimal Manipulation of Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Reopening of the Comment Period

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notification; reopening of the comment period.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is reopening the comment period for the draft document entitled “Minimal Manipulation of Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff,” published in the *Federal Register* of December 23, 2014. FDA is reopening the comment period to allow interested persons additional time to submit comments and any new information.

DATES: Submit either electronic or written comments on the draft guidance by April 29, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments as follows:

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <http://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else’s Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the

manner detailed (see “Written/Paper Submissions” and “Instructions”).

Written/Paper Submissions

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- *Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions):* Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

- For written/paper comments submitted to the Division of Dockets Management, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in “Instructions.”

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA–2014–D–1696 for “Minimal Manipulation of Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Reopening the Comment Period.” Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as “Confidential Submissions,” publicly viewable at <http://www.regulations.gov> or at the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- *Confidential Submissions*—To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states “THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION”. The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit both copies to the Division of Dockets Management. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as “confidential”. Any information marked as “confidential” will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA’s posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access

the information at: <http://www.fda.gov/regulatoryinformation/dockets/default.htm>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the "Search" box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Division of Dockets Management, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori J. Churchyard, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 71, Rm. 7301, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 240-402-7911.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In the **Federal Register** of December 23, 2014 (79 FR 77012), FDA announced the availability of a draft document entitled "Minimal Manipulation of Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff" dated December 2014. The draft guidance document provides human cells, tissues, and cellular and tissue-based product (HCT/P) manufacturers, health care providers, and FDA staff with recommendations for meeting the 21 CFR 1271.10(a)(1) criterion of minimal manipulation.

Interested persons were originally given until February 23, 2015, to comment on the draft guidance.

Elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, FDA is announcing four other related documents. In a separate document, FDA is announcing a public hearing entitled "Draft Guidances Relating to the Regulation of Human Cells, Tissues, or Cellular or Tissue-Based Products; Public Hearing; Request for Comments" (part 15 hearing) to be held on April 13, 2016, to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to discuss FDA's policy on regulation of HCT/Ps related to the four draft guidances on the following topics: Homologous use, same surgical procedure exception, minimal manipulation, and adipose tissue.

In a separate document, FDA is announcing the availability of a draft document entitled "Homologous Use of Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products; Draft Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff."

In separate documents, FDA is also reopening the comment periods to FDA's public docket on the previously

issued draft guidance documents on the following topics related to HCT/Ps: Adipose tissue (Docket No. FDA-2014-D-1856) and same surgical procedure exception (Docket No. FDA-2014-D-1584).

II. Reopening of Comment Period

Following publication of December 23, 2014, notice of availability, FDA received a request to allow interested persons additional time to comment. In conjunction with the part 15 hearing and announcement of availability of the homologous use draft guidance, FDA is reopening the comment period to allow potential respondents to thoroughly evaluate and address pertinent issues. The minimal manipulation draft guidance and other related guidances (homologous use, same surgical procedure exception, adipose tissue) all deal with the interpretation of the regulations under 21 CFR part 1271 that will be addressed as part of the part 15 hearing.

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Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 1271

[Docket No. FDA-2015-D-3719]

Draft Guidances Relating to the Regulation of Human Cells, Tissues, or Cellular or Tissue-Based Products; Public Hearing; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notification of public hearing; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing a 1-day public hearing to obtain input on four recently issued draft guidances relating to the regulation of human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue-based products (HCT/Ps). These draft guidances were issued by FDA in response to stakeholders' requests for guidance on FDA's current views about how manufacturers, establishments, and distributors of HCT/Ps and health care professionals can meet the criteria under the Agency's regulations that apply to HCT/Ps. FDA will consider information it obtains from the public hearing in the finalization of these guidances.

DATES: The public hearing will be held on April 13, 2016, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The meeting may be extended or end early depending on the level of public participation. Persons seeking to attend or to present at the public hearing must register by January 8, 2016. Section IV provides attendance and registration information. Electronic or written comments will be accepted after the public hearing until April 29, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at FDA's White Oak Campus, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 31 Conference Center, the Great Room (Rm. 1503), Silver Spring, MD 20993. Entrance for the public hearing participants (non-FDA employees) is through Building 1, where routine security check procedures will be performed. For parking and security information, please refer to <http://www.fda.gov/aboutfda/workingatfda/buildingsandfacilities/whiteoakcampusinformation/ucm241740.htm>.

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