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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled “Pediatric Drug Development Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act and the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act: Scientific Considerations.” This draft guidance addresses selected clinical, scientific, and ethical issues involved in developing drugs for pediatric use when such drugs are subject to PREA and/or the BPCA. This draft guidance, along with the draft guidance entitled “Pediatric Drug Development: Regulatory Considerations—Complying With the Pediatric Research Equity Act and Qualifying for Pediatric Exclusivity Under the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act,” revises and replaces the draft guidance entitled “How to Comply with the Pediatric Research Equity Act.”¹ This draft guidance also addresses certain additional topics that FDA has not previously addressed in guidance.

The purpose of this draft guidance is to assist industry in obtaining the data and information needed to support approval of drug products in pediatric populations. Specifically, this draft guidance describes considerations regarding data in pediatric patients with particular discussion regarding formulation development, nonclinical information, clinical pharmacology, and safety information. Additionally, the draft guidance discusses pediatric extrapolation, timing of pediatric studies, and drug development for the neonatal population. This draft guidance does not address the clinical development of drugs that are not subject to either PREA or the BPCA.

This draft guidance is being issued consistent with FDA’s good guidance

practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The draft guidance, when finalized, will represent the current thinking of FDA on “Pediatric Drug Development Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act and the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act: Scientific Considerations.” It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

II. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

While this guidance contains no collection of information, it does refer to previously approved FDA collections of information. Therefore, clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521) is not required for this guidance. The previously approved collections of information are subject to review by OMB under the PRA. The collections of information in 21 CFR parts 50 and 56 for protection of human subjects and institutional review boards, have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0130. The collections of information in 21 CFR 210 and 211 for current good manufacturing practice have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0139. The collections of information in 21 CFR part 312 for investigational new drug applications and 21 CFR part 314 for new drug applications and abbreviated new drug applications have been approved under OMB control numbers 0910-0014 and 0910-0001, respectively. The collections of information in 21 CFR parts 601 and 610 for biologics license applications have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0338. The collections of information in 42 U.S.C. 262(k) and 21 U.S.C. 379g for biosimilar applications have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0718. The collections of information in 21 CFR 201.56 and 201.57 regarding labeling requirements for prescription drugs have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0572. The collections of information in 21 CFR part 201, subpart C regarding over-the-counter products have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0340. The collections of information in 21 CFR part 316 regarding orphan drug product development are approved under OMB control number 0910-0167.

III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the internet may obtain the draft guidance at <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/guidance-compliance-regulatory-information/>

[guidances-drugs](https://www.fda.gov/guidances-drugs), <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/guidance-compliance-regulatory-information-biologics/biologics-guidances>, <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents>, or <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

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Patient Engagement Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or the Agency) announces a forthcoming public advisory committee meeting of the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) Patient Engagement Advisory Committee (the Committee). The general function of the committee is to provide advice to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, or designee, on complex scientific issues relating to medical devices, the regulation of devices, and their use by patients. The meeting will be open to the public. **DATES:** The meeting will take place virtually on September 6, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: All meeting participants will be heard, viewed, captioned, and recorded for this advisory committee meeting via an online teleconferencing and/or video conferencing platform. Answers to commonly asked questions about FDA advisory committee meetings may be accessed at: <https://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/AboutAdvisoryCommittees/ucm408555.htm>. Information on how to access the webcast will be made available no later than 2 business days prior to the meeting at <https://www.fda.gov/advisory-committees/committees-and-meeting-materials/patient-engagement-advisory-committee>. Select the link for the 2023 Meeting Materials.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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¹ This draft guidance also addresses certain topics previously addressed in the guidance for industry entitled “Qualifying for Pediatric Exclusivity Under Section 505A of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.” That guidance was withdrawn August 7, 2013 (78 FR 48175).

MD 20993-0002, letise.williams@fda.hhs.gov, 301-796-8398, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area). A notice in the **Federal Register** about last-minute modifications that impact a previously announced advisory committee meeting cannot always be published quickly enough to provide timely notice. Therefore, you should always check the Agency's website at <https://www.fda.gov/advisory-committees> and scroll down to the appropriate advisory committee meeting link or call the advisory committee information line to learn about possible modifications before the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda: The meeting presentations will be heard, viewed, captioned, and recorded through an online teleconferencing platform. On September 6, 2023, the Committee will discuss and make recommendations on the topic of "Advancing Health Equity in Medical Devices." FDA CDRH is committed to working toward ensuring that all patients have access to high-quality, safe, and effective medical devices. This includes ensuring devices are designed to be safe and effective when used by various populations, are evaluated in the diverse populations for which they are intended, and that patients and consumers have the information they need to make decisions about their health, care and quality of life. Technology, including digital health technology, may help bridge gaps in health equity by extending access and bringing healthcare to patients at home, at work, and in their communities. The recommendations provided by the committee will address considerations for FDA and industry on these topics. The Committee will consider ways to advance access to devices that allow for care outside a hospital or clinical care setting—for example, in the home setting. The Committee will also discuss considerations for improving reach and comprehension of FDA's patient and caregiver communications across diverse demographic groups. Additionally, the Committee will discuss patient-focused considerations for when a device should be evaluated in diverse populations to support marketing authorization.

FDA intends to make background material available to the public no later than 2 business days before the meeting. If FDA is unable to post the background material on its website prior to the meeting, the background material will be made publicly available on FDA's

website at the time of the advisory committee meeting, and the background material will be posted on FDA's website after the meeting. Background materials and the link to the online teleconference meeting room will be available at <https://www.fda.gov/advisory-committees/committees-and-meeting-materials/patient-engagement-advisory-committee>. Select the link for the 2023 Meeting Materials. The meeting will include slide presentations with audio components to allow the presentation of materials in a manner that most closely resembles an in-person advisory committee meeting.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) on or before August 10, 2023. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled on September 6, 2023, between approximately 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Eastern Time. Those individuals interested in making formal oral presentations should notify the contact person on or before August 2, 2023. The notification should include a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. If the number of registrants requesting to speak is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled open public hearing session, FDA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers for the scheduled open public hearing session. The contact person will notify interested persons regarding their request to speak by August 3, 2023.

For press inquiries, please contact the Office of Media Affairs at fdaoma@fda.hhs.gov or 301-796-4540.

FDA welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require accommodations due to a disability, please contact AnnMarie Williams at Annmarie.Williams@fda.hhs.gov, or 240-507-6496 at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

FDA is committed to the orderly conduct of its advisory committee meetings. Please visit our website at <https://www.fda.gov/advisory-committees/about-advisory-committees/public-conduct-during-fda-advisory-committee-meetings> for procedures on public conduct during advisory committee meetings.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is hereby giving notice that the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) will hold an in-person meeting. The meeting will be open to the public and public comment will be heard during the meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held June 15-16, 2023. The confirmed meeting times and agenda will be posted on the NVAC website at <http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/nvac/meetings/index.html> as soon as they become available.

ADDRESSES: Instructions regarding attending this meeting will be posted online at: <http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/nvac/meetings/index.html> at least one week prior to the meeting. Pre-registration is required for those who wish to attend the meeting virtually or participate in public comment. Please register at <http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/nvac/meetings/index.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Aikin, Acting Designated Federal Officer, Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Tower Building, Room, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Rockville, MD 20852. Email: nvac@hhs.gov. Phone: 202-795-7697.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 2101 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300aa-1), the Secretary of HHS was mandated to establish the National Vaccine Program to achieve optimal prevention of human infectious diseases through immunization and to achieve optimal prevention against adverse reactions to vaccines. The NVAC was established to provide advice and make recommendations to the Director of the