Act (FDASIA), authorizes FDA to award priority review vouchers to sponsors of approved rare pediatric disease product applications that meet certain criteria. FDA is required to publish notice of the award of the priority review voucher. FDA has determined that SYMDEKO (tezacaftor/ivacaftor), manufactured by Vertex Pharmaceutical, Inc., meets the criteria for a priority review voucher.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA is announcing the issuance of a priority review voucher to the sponsor of an approved rare pediatric disease product application. Under section 529 of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 360ff), which was added by FDASIA, FDA will award priority review vouchers to sponsors of approved rare pediatric disease product applications that meet certain criteria. FDA has determined that SYMDEKO (tezacaftor/ivacaftor), manufactured by Vertex Pharmaceutical, Inc., meets the criteria for a priority review voucher. SYMDEKO (tezacaftor/ivacaftor) is indicated for the treatment of patients with cystic fibrosis aged 12 years and older who are homozygous for the F508del mutation or who have at least one mutation in the cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator gene that is responsive to tezacaftor/ivacaftor based on in vitro data and/or clinical evidence.

For further information about the Rare Pediatric Disease Priority Review Voucher Program and for a link to the full text of section 529 of the FD&C Act, go to https://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DevelopingProductsforRareDiseases/Conditions/RarePediatricDiseasePriorityVoucherProgram/default.htm. For further information about SYMDEKO (tezacaftor/ivacaftor), go to the “Drugs@FDA” website at https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/daf/.

Dated: March 26, 2019.
Lowell J. Schiller,
Acting Associate Commissioner for Policy.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Advisory Council on Alzheimer’s Research, Care, and Services; Meeting

AGENCY: Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the public meeting of the Advisory Council on Alzheimer’s Research, Care, and Services (Advisory Council). The Advisory Council on Alzheimer’s Research, Care, and Services provides advice on how to prevent or reduce the burden of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias on people with the disease and their caregivers. The April 29, 2019 meeting of the Advisory Council will focus on person-centered planning for older adults including information about implementation of care plans for people living with cognitive symptoms. There will also be discussion about the use of antipsychotic medication for people with dementia and other conditions living in community settings.

Procedure and Agenda: This meeting is open to the public. Please allow 30 to 45 minutes to go through security and walk to the meeting room. The meeting will also be webcast at www.hhs.gov/live.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 11225; Section 2(e)(3) of the National Alzheimer’s Project Act. The panel is governed by provisions of Public Law 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

Dated: March 22, 2019.
Brenda Destro,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Office of Human Services Policy.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders;
Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6). Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders