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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration [Docket No. FDA-2025-N-4683]

Issuance of Priority Review Voucher; Rare Pediatric Disease Product; FORZINITY (Elamipretide)

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the issuance of a priority review voucher to the sponsor of a rare pediatric disease product application. The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) 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 FORZINITY (elamipretide), approved September 19, 2025, manufactured by Stealth BioTherapeutics Inc., meets the criteria for a priority review voucher.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Quyen Tran, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 22, Room 5324, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 301-796-2771, Quyen.Tran1@fda.hhs.gov.

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), FDA will award priority review vouchers to sponsors of approved rare pediatric disease product applications that meet certain criteria. FDA has determined FORZINITY (elamipretide) manufactured by Stealth BioTherapeutics Inc., meets the criteria for a priority review voucher.

FORZINITY (elamipretide) injection is indicated to improve muscle strength in adult and pediatric patients with Barth syndrome weighing at least 30 kg.

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/DevelopingProductsforRareDiseasesConditions/RarePediatricDiseasePriority>

VoucherProgram/default.htm. For further information about FORZINITY (elamipretide), go to the “Drugs@FDA” website at <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/daf/>.

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Acting Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Legislation, and International Affairs.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration [Docket No. FDA-2025-P-1562]

Determination That

DEXCHLORPHENIRAMINE MALEATE (Dexchlorpheniramine Maleate, Oral Syrup, 2 Milligrams/5 Milliliters) Was Not Withdrawn From Sale for Reasons of Safety or Effectiveness

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, Agency, or we) has determined that DEXCHLORPHENIRAMINE MALEATE (dexchlorpheniramine maleate, oral syrup, 2 milligrams (mg)/5 milliliters (ml)), was not withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness. This determination means that FDA will not begin procedures to withdraw approval of abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) that refer to this drug product, and it will allow FDA to continue to approve ANDAs that refer to the product as long as they meet relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Molly Arndt, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 51, Rm. 6281, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 240-402-6919, Molly.Arndt@fda.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) (21 U.S.C. 355(j)) allows the submission of an ANDA to market a generic version of a previously approved drug product. To obtain approval, the ANDA applicant must show, among other things, that the generic drug product: (1) has the same active ingredient(s), dosage form, route of administration, strength, conditions of use, and (with certain exceptions) labeling as the listed drug, which is a version of the drug that was previously approved, and (2) is bioequivalent to the listed drug. ANDA applicants do not

have to repeat the extensive clinical testing otherwise necessary to gain approval of a new drug application (NDA).

Section 505(j)(7) of the FD&C Act requires FDA to publish a list of all approved drugs. FDA publishes this list as part of the “Approved Drug Products With Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations,” which is known generally as the “Orange Book.” Under FDA regulations, drugs are removed from the list if the Agency withdraws or suspends approval of the drug’s NDA or ANDA for reasons of safety or effectiveness or if FDA determines that the listed drug was withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness (21 CFR 314.162).

A person may petition the Agency to determine, or the Agency may determine on its own initiative, whether a listed drug was withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness. This determination may be made at any time after the drug has been withdrawn from sale, but must be made prior to approving an ANDA that refers to the listed drug (§ 314.161 (21 CFR 314.161)). FDA may not approve an ANDA that does not refer to a listed drug.

DEXCHLORPHENIRAMINE MALEATE (dexchlorpheniramine maleate, oral syrup, 2 mg/5 ml), is the subject of ANDA 088251, held by PAI Holdings, LLC, and initially approved on March 23, 1984. DEXCHLORPHENIRAMINE MALEATE is indicated for

- Perennial and seasonal allergic rhinitis
- Vasomotor rhinitis
- Allergic conjunctivitis due to inhalant allergens and foods
- Mild, uncomplicated allergic skin manifestations of urticaria and angioedema
- Amelioration of allergic reactions to blood or plasma
- Dermographism
- As therapy for anaphylactic reactions adjunctive to epinephrine and other standard measures after the acute manifestations have been controlled

On March 8, 2024, PAI Holdings, LLC, notified FDA that DEXCHLORPHENIRAMINE MALEATE (dexchlorpheniramine maleate, oral syrup, 2 mg/5 ml), was being discontinued, and FDA moved the drug product to the “Discontinued Drug Product List” section of the Orange Book.

Pharmobedient Consulting, LLC submitted a citizen petition dated June 4, 2025 (Docket No. FDA-2025-P-1562), under 21 CFR 10.30, requesting that the Agency determine whether DEXCHLORPHENIRAMINE MALEATE (dexchlorpheniramine maleate, oral

syrup, 2 mg/5 ml), was withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness.

After considering the citizen petition and reviewing Agency records and based on the information we have at this time, FDA has determined under § 314.161 that DEXCHLORPHENIRAMINE MALEATE (dexchlorpheniramine maleate, oral syrup, 2 mg/5 ml), was not withdrawn for reasons of safety or effectiveness. The petitioner has identified no data or other information suggesting that DEXCHLORPHENIRAMINE MALEATE (dexchlorpheniramine maleate, oral syrup, 2 mg/5 ml), was withdrawn for reasons of safety or effectiveness. We have carefully reviewed our files for records concerning the withdrawal of DEXCHLORPHENIRAMINE MALEATE (dexchlorpheniramine maleate, oral syrup, 2 mg/5 ml), from sale. We have also independently evaluated relevant literature and data for possible postmarketing adverse events. We have found no information that would indicate that this drug product was withdrawn from sale for reasons of safety or effectiveness.

Accordingly, the Agency will continue to list DEXCHLORPHENIRAMINE MALEATE (dexchlorpheniramine maleate, oral syrup, 2 mg/5 ml), in the “Discontinued Drug Product List” section of the Orange Book. The “Discontinued Drug Product List” delineates, among other items, drug products that have been discontinued from marketing for reasons other than safety or effectiveness. FDA will not begin procedures to withdraw approval of approved ANDAs that refer to this drug product. Additional ANDAs for this drug product may also be approved by the Agency as long as they meet all other legal and regulatory requirements for the approval of ANDAs. If FDA determines that labeling for this drug product should be revised to meet current standards, the Agency will advise ANDA applicants to submit such labeling.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2023-D-5021]

Processes and Practices Applicable to Bioresearch Monitoring Inspections; Guidance for Industry; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability of a final guidance for industry entitled “Processes and Practices Applicable to Bioresearch Monitoring Inspections.” This final guidance is being issued to comply with the Food and Drug Omnibus Reform Act of 2022, which directs the Agency to issue guidance describing the processes and practices applicable to inspections of sites and facilities inspected under FDA’s Bioresearch Monitoring inspection program, to the extent not specified in existing publicly available FDA guides and manuals. The guidance covers the following: the types of records and information required to be provided, best practices for communication between FDA and industry in advance of or during an inspection or request for records or other information, and other inspections-related conduct.

DATES: The announcement of this guidance is published in the **Federal Register** on December 18, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on any guidance at any time as follows:

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://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 <https://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):* Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.
- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, 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-2023-D-5021 for “Processes and Practices Applicable to Bioresearch Monitoring Inspections.” Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as “Confidential Submissions,” publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 240-402-7500.

- **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 <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. 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: <https://www.regulations.gov>.