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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jack Dan, Office of Regulatory Policy, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 51, Rm. 6200, Silver Spring, MD 20993, 240-402-6940.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

The Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984 (Pub. L. 98-417) and the Generic Animal Drug and Patent Term Restoration Act (Pub. L. 100-670) generally provide that a patent may be extended for a period of up to 5 years so long as the patented item (human drug or biologic product, animal drug product, medical device, food additive, or color additive) was subject to regulatory review by FDA before the item was marketed. Under these acts, a product's regulatory review period forms the basis for determining the amount of extension an applicant may receive.

A regulatory review period consists of two periods of time: a testing phase and an approval phase. For human biological products, the testing phase begins when the exemption to permit the clinical investigations of the biological product becomes effective and runs until the approval phase begins. The approval phase starts with the initial submission of an application to market the human biological product and continues until FDA grants permission to market the biological product. Although only a portion of a regulatory review period may count toward the actual amount of extension that the Director of USPTO may award (for example, half the testing phase must be subtracted as well as any time that may have occurred before the patent was issued), FDA's determination of the length of a regulatory review period for a human biological product will include all of the testing phase and approval phase as specified in 35 U.S.C. 156(g)(1)(B).

FDA has approved for marketing the human biologic product ABRYSV0 (respiratory syncytial virus vaccine). ABRYSV0 is a vaccine indicated for

- Active immunization of pregnant individuals at 32 through 36 weeks gestational age for the prevention of lower respiratory tract disease (LRTD) and severe LRTD caused by respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in infants from birth through 6 months of age.

- Active immunization for the prevention of LRTD caused by RSV in individuals 60 years of age and older.

Subsequent to this approval, the USPTO received a patent term restoration application for ABRYSV0 (U.S. Patent No. 9,950,058) from PFIZER INC., and the USPTO requested FDA's assistance in determining this patent's eligibility for patent term restoration. In a letter dated April 3, 2024, FDA advised the USPTO that this human biological product had undergone a regulatory review period and that the approval of ABRYSV0 represented the first permitted commercial marketing or use of the product. Thereafter, the USPTO requested that FDA determine the product's regulatory review period.

#### II. Determination of Regulatory Review Period

FDA has determined that the applicable regulatory review period for ABRYSV0 is 1,918 days. Of this time, 1,674 days occurred during the testing phase of the regulatory review period, while 244 days occurred during the approval phase. These periods of time were derived from the following dates:

1. *The date an exemption under section 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(i)) became effective:* March 2, 2018. FDA has verified the applicant's claim that the date the investigational new drug application became effective was on March 2, 2018.

2. *The date the application was initially submitted with respect to the human biological product under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262):* September 30, 2022. FDA has verified the applicant's claim that the biologics license application (BLA) for ABRYSV0 (BLA 125769) was initially submitted on September 30, 2022.

3. *The date the application was approved:* May 31, 2023. FDA has verified the applicant's claim that BLA 125769 was approved on May 31, 2023.

This determination of the regulatory review period establishes the maximum potential length of a patent extension. However, the USPTO applies several statutory limitations in its calculations of the actual period for patent extension. In its application for patent extension, this applicant seeks 163 days of patent term extension.

#### III. Petitions

Anyone with knowledge that any of the dates as published are incorrect may submit either electronic or written comments and, under 21 CFR 60.24, ask for a redetermination (see **DATES**). Furthermore, as specified in § 60.30 (21 CFR 60.30), any interested person may petition FDA for a determination regarding whether the applicant for extension acted with due diligence during the regulatory review period. To meet its burden, the petition must comply with all the requirements of § 60.30, including but not limited to: must be timely (see **DATES**), must be filed in accordance with § 10.20, must contain sufficient facts to merit an FDA investigation, and must certify that a true and complete copy of the petition has been served upon the patent applicant. (See H. Rept. 857, part 1, 98th Cong., 2d sess., pp. 41-42, 1984.) Petitions should be in the format specified in 21 CFR 10.30.

Submit petitions electronically to <https://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FDA-2013-S-0610. Submit written petitions (two copies are required) to the Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

Dated: July 8, 2025.

**Grace R. Graham,**

*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-N-1812]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Q-Submission and Early Payor Feedback Request Programs and Medical Device Development Tools

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the Agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal Agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information,

including each proposed revision of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information collection requirements associated with the Q-Submission and Early Payor Feedback Request Programs for medical devices and Qualification of Medical Device Development Tools.

**DATES:** Either electronic or written comments on the collection of information must be submitted by September 12, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments as follows. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered. The <https://www.regulations.gov> electronic filing system will accept comments until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time at the end of September 12, 2025. Comments received by mail/hand delivery/courier (for written/paper submissions) will be considered timely if they are received on or before that date.

#### *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-2025-N-1812 for "Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Q-Submission and Early Payor Feedback Request Programs for Medical Devices." Received comments, those filed in a timely manner (see **ADDRESSES**), 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.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf>.

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#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), Federal Agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes Agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal Agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, FDA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

With respect to the following collection of information, FDA invites comments on these topics: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FDA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FDA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

#### **Q-Submission and Early Payor Feedback Request Programs and Medical Device Development Tools**

OMB Control Number 0910-0756—Revision

The guidance entitled "Requests for Feedback and Meetings for Medical Device Submissions: The Q-Submission Program" (May 2025) (available at <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/requests-feedback-and-meetings-medical-device-submissions-q-submission-program>) provides an overview of the mechanisms available to submitters through which they can

request feedback from or a meeting with FDA regarding certain potential or planned medical device submissions reviewed by the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) and the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER). The guidance provides recommendations regarding certain types of Q-Submissions, such as Pre-Submissions, Submission Issue Requests, Study Risk Determinations, Informational Meetings, and other Q-Submission Types and other uses of the Q-Submission Program.

Recent updates in May 2025 to the Q-Submission guidance moved the instructions for information collection related to requests for feedback regarding development of a Medical Device Development Tool (MDDT), which were previously tracked as Informational Meeting Q-Submissions. We are revising this information collection to add the FDA guidance entitled “Qualification of Medical Device Development Tools: Guidance for Industry, Tool Developers, and Food and Drug Administration Staff” (July 2023) (available at <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/qualification-medical-device-development-tools>), which includes instructions for

submitting requests for feedback regarding MDDTs. The submission instructions are otherwise unchanged, but the MDDT guidance is now the collection instrument associated with the existing MDDT burden.

#### Early Payor Feedback Program

Prior to submitting a Pre-Submission, medical device sponsors may request that one or more payor organizations join a Pre-Submission meeting. Payors include public payors such as Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, private health plans, health technology assessment groups, and others who provide input into coverage, procurement, and reimbursement decisions. To facilitate such opportunities to obtain payor input, FDA provides information about our Early Payor Feedback Program (EPFP) and a list of current payor participants on our website (available at <https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/cdrh-innovation/payor-communication-task-force#2>). For payors to decide which devices to provide feedback on, we have developed a voluntary form for manufacturers to provide basic information regarding their device. This form is shared with the payors from whom the manufacturer is requesting feedback.

#### eSTAR for Q-Submissions

Under section 745A(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) (21 U.S.C. 379k–1(b)), amended by section 207 of the FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017 (Pub. L. 115–52), and consistent with the Medical Device User Fee Amendments 2017 (MDUFA IV) Commitment Letter and the FDA guidance document entitled “Providing Regulatory Submissions for Medical Devices in Electronic Format—Submissions Under Section 745A(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act” (July 2020) (available at <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/providing-regulatory-submissions-medical-devices-electronic-format-submissions-under-section-745ab>), FDA has developed an “electronic Submission Template and Resource” (eSTAR) for Q-submissions to facilitate the preparation of submissions in electronic format (available at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/how-study-and-market-your-device/estar-program>). The use of eSTAR for Q-Submissions is currently voluntary.

FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN<sup>1 2</sup>

| Activity   | No. of respondents | No. of responses per respondent | Total annual responses | Average burden per response | Total hours |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| <b>“Requests for Feedback and Meetings for Medical Device Submissions: The Q-Submission Program”</b> |                    |                                 |                        |                             |             |
| Q-Submissions:   |                    |                                 |                        |                             |             |
| CDRH .....   | 5,750              | 1                               | 5,750                  | 137                         | 787,750     |
| CBER .....   | 60                 | 1                               | 60                     | 137                         | 8,220       |
| Q-Submissions using eSTAR:   |                    |                                 |                        |                             |             |
| CDRH .....   | 850                | 1                               | 850                    | 69                          | 58,650      |
| CBER .....   | 40                 | 1                               | 40                     | 69                          | 2,760       |
| eSTAR setup .....  | 1,480              | 1                               | 1,480                  | 0.08                        | 118         |
| <b>Early Payor Feedback Program (EPFP)</b>   |                    |                                 |                        |                             |             |
| Manufacturer request to participate in EPFP .....  | 35                 | 1                               | 35                     | 2                           | 70          |
| <b>Medical Device Development Tools (MDDT)</b>   |                    |                                 |                        |                             |             |
| MDDT Submissions .....   | 50                 | 1                               | 50                     | 137                         | 6,850       |
| Total .....  |                    |                                 |                        |                             | 864,418     |

<sup>1</sup> Numbers are rounded.

<sup>2</sup> There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

Based on our experience with the Q-Submission and Early Payor Feedback Request Programs and Medical Device Development Tools, our estimated burden for the information collection reflects an overall increase of 451,180

hours and 4,535 responses annually. We attribute this adjustment to an increase in the number of respondents according to FDA data. As discussed above, recent updates to the Q-Submission guidance moved the instructions for information

collection related to requests for feedback regarding development of MDDTs to the MDDT guidance. MDDT proposal and qualification packages were previously tracked as Informational Meeting Q-Submissions.

The MDDT submission instructions and previously approved burden estimate are otherwise unchanged, but the MDDT guidance is now the collection instrument associated with the existing MDDT burden. Accordingly, we have moved the burden for MDDT submissions to a distinct line item in the burden table to reflect the updated collection instrument. There is no new collection of information occurring in this revision. However, submissions related to MDDTs (Medical Device Development Tools), which were previously tracked as “Informational Meetings” Q-Submissions, are now tracked separately.

Dated: July 8, 2025.

**Grace R. Graham,**

*Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Legislation, and International Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket Nos. FDA–2024–E–5096; FDA–2024–E–5097]

#### Determination of Regulatory Review Period for Purposes of Patent Extension; TECELRA

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or the Agency) has determined the regulatory review period for TECELRA and is publishing this notice of that determination as required by law. FDA has made the determination because of the submission of applications to the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Department of Commerce, for the extension of a patent which claims that human biological product.

**DATES:** Anyone with knowledge that any of the dates as published (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**) are incorrect must submit either electronic or written comments and ask for a redetermination by September 12, 2025. Furthermore, any interested person may petition FDA for a determination regarding whether the applicant for extension acted with due diligence during the regulatory review period by January 12, 2026. See “Petitions” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for more information.

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