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**Leslie Kux,**

*Acting Assistant Commissioner for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0690]

#### Product Shortage Report; Availability; Request for Comments

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a medical product shortage report entitled "A Review of FDA's Approach to Medical Product Shortages." The Agency is making the report available by placing it in the docket opened for a previous public workshop on drug shortages. The report discusses the Agency's approach to product shortages, particularly those products regulated by the FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER). FDA requests comments, until December 23, 2011, on the report and its recommendations, including whether there are additional suggestions for recommendations and how we should prioritize work on these recommendations.

**DATES:** Submit either electronic or written comments by December 23, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit electronic comments to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit written comments to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peter Lurie, Office of Policy and Planning, Food and Drug

Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 32, rm. 4220, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, (301) 796-4800.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

In the **Federal Register** of September 29, 2011 (76 FR 60505), FDA opened a comment period for a public workshop notice which published in the **Federal Register** of July 28, 2011 (76 FR 45268). This document announces the availability of a product shortage report by placing it in the docket of the public workshop on drug shortages. This report provides background information on product shortages, discusses four FDA product centers' various approaches to addressing product shortages, particularly those in CDER, and includes recommendations for FDA and others. FDA is requesting comment on the report and its recommendations, including whether there are additional suggestions for recommendations and how we should prioritize work on these recommendations.

##### II. Comments

Interested persons may submit to the Division of Dockets Management (see **ADDRESSES**) either electronic or written comments regarding this document. It is only necessary to send one set of comments. It is no longer necessary to send two copies of mailed comments. Identify comments with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

##### III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the document at either <http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Reports/ucm275051.htm> or <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Proposed Eligibility Criteria for the Centers of Excellence Program in Health Professions Education for Under-Represented Minority Individuals

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice requests comments on proposed eligibility criteria for the Centers of Excellence (COE) program in health professions education for under-represented minority (URM) individuals (See Title VII, Section 736 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 293 (2011) as amended by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, § 5401 (2010)). When finalized, these eligibility criteria will be used to determine the eligibility of designated health professions schools to apply for COE funding in fiscal year (FY) 2012 and subsequent fiscal years. Funding is dependent on the availability of appropriated funds for the COE program. The designated health professions schools are schools of allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and graduate programs in behavioral or mental health. This does not apply to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) eligible to establish a COE, under PHS Act section 736(c)(2).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to comment within 30 days of the publication of this notice. All comments received on or before those 30 days complete will be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** All written comments concerning this notice should be submitted to Dr. Joan Weiss, Director, Division of Public Health and Interdisciplinary Education, at the contact information below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anyone requesting additional details should contact Dr. Joan Weiss, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration. Dr. Weiss may be reached in one of three following methods: (1) Via written request to: Dr. Joan Weiss, Designated Federal Official, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 9-36, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20852; (2) via