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**SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL**

July 31, 2025

Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC  
Attention: Donna Zacholski  
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Dear Ms. Zacholski:

We have approved your request received September 30, 2024, to supplement your Biologics License Application (BLA) submitted under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for Pneumococcal 21-valent Conjugate Vaccine (CAPVAXIVE) to update Section 8 "Use in Specific Populations", Section 6 "Clinical Trials Experience", and Section 14 "Clinical Studies" of the package insert for the inclusion of individuals living with HIV (V116-007) and individuals at increased risk of pneumococcal disease (V116-008).

The review of this supplement was associated with the following National Clinical Trial (NCT) numbers: NCT05393037 and NCT05696080.

## **LABELING**

We hereby approve the draft content of labeling Package Insert submitted under amendment 13, dated July 15, 2025,

## **CONTENT OF LABELING**

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, please submit the final content of labeling (21 CFR 601.14) in Structured Product Labeling (SPL) format via the FDA automated drug registration and listing system, (eLIST) as described at <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>. Content of labeling must be identical to the Package Insert submitted on July 15, 2025. Information on submitting SPL files using eLIST may be found in the guidance for industry *SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As* at <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf>.

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

All final labeling should be submitted as Product Correspondence to this BLA, STN BL 125814 at the time of use and include implementation information on Form FDA 356h.

## **ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL LABELING**

You may submit two draft copies of the proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling with Form FDA 2253 to the Advertising and Promotional Labeling Branch at the following address:

Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research  
Document Control Center  
10903 New Hampshire Ave.  
WO71–G112  
Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002

You must submit copies of your final advertising and promotional labeling at the time of initial dissemination or publication, accompanied by Form FDA 2253 (21 CFR 601.12(f)(4)).

All promotional claims must be consistent with and not contrary to approved labeling. You should not make a comparative promotional claim or claim of superiority over other products unless you have substantial evidence or substantial clinical experience to support such claims (21 CFR 202.1(e)(6)).

For each pending supplemental application for this BLA that includes proposed revised labeling, please submit an amendment to update the proposed revised labeling with the changes approved today.

We will include information contained in the above-referenced supplement in your BLA file.

Sincerely,

R. Douglas Pratt, MD, MPH  
Deputy Director  
Division of Clinical and Toxicology Review  
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