

1 “(4) The Secretary shall promptly notify a vaccine  
2 developer if—

3 “(A) the Secretary becomes aware of any  
4 change to information that was—

5 “(i) shared by the Secretary with the vac-  
6 cine developer during a meeting under para-  
7 graph (2); or

8 “(ii) provided by the Secretary to the vac-  
9 cine developer in one or more analyses under  
10 paragraph (3); and

11 “(B) the change to such information may have  
12 implications for the vaccine developer’s vaccine re-  
13 search and development.”.

14 **Subtitle I—Orphan Product Exten-**  
15 **sions Now; Incentives for Cer-**  
16 **tain Products for Limited Popu-**  
17 **lations**

18 **SEC. 2151. EXTENSION OF EXCLUSIVITY PERIODS FOR A**  
19 **DRUG APPROVED FOR A NEW INDICATION**  
20 **FOR A RARE DISEASE OR CONDITION.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter V of the Federal Food,  
22 Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended by section 2063, is  
23 further amended by inserting after section 505F of such  
24 Act the following:

1 **“SEC. 505G. EXTENSION OF EXCLUSIVITY PERIODS FOR A**  
2 **DRUG APPROVED FOR A NEW INDICATION**  
3 **FOR A RARE DISEASE OR CONDITION.**

4 “(a) DESIGNATION.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall des-  
6 ignate a drug as a drug approved for a new indica-  
7 tion to prevent, diagnose, or treat a rare disease or  
8 condition for purposes of granting the extensions  
9 under subsection (b) if—

10 “(A) prior to approval of an application or  
11 supplemental application for the new indication,  
12 the drug was approved or licensed for mar-  
13 keting under section 505(c) of this Act or sec-  
14 tion 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act,  
15 but was not so approved or licensed for the new  
16 indication;

17 “(B)(i) the sponsor of the approved or li-  
18 censed drug files an application or a supple-  
19 mental application for approval of the new indi-  
20 cation for use of the drug to prevent, diagnose,  
21 or treat the rare disease or condition; and

22 “(ii) the Secretary approves the application  
23 or supplemental application; and

24 “(C) the application or supplemental appli-  
25 cation for the new indication contains the con-  
26 sent of the applicant to notice being given by

1 the Secretary under paragraph (4) respecting  
2 the designation of the drug.

3 “(2) REVOCATION OF DESIGNATION.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
5 subparagraph (B), a designation under para-  
6 graph (1) shall not be revoked for any reason.

7 “(B) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may re-  
8 voke a designation of a drug under paragraph  
9 (1) if the Secretary finds that the application or  
10 supplemental application resulting in such des-  
11 ignation contained an untrue statement of ma-  
12 terial fact.

13 “(3) NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO DISCONTINUANCE  
14 OF PRODUCTION FOR SOLELY COMMERCIAL REA-  
15 SONS.—A designation of a drug under paragraph (1)  
16 shall be subject to the condition that the sponsor of  
17 the drug will notify the Secretary of any discontinu-  
18 ance of the production of the drug for solely com-  
19 mercial reasons at least one year before such dis-  
20 continuance.

21 “(4) NOTICE TO PUBLIC.—Notice respecting  
22 the designation of a drug under paragraph (1) shall  
23 be made available to the public.

1 “(b) EXTENSION.—If the Secretary designates a  
2 drug as a drug approved for a new indication for a rare  
3 disease or condition, as described in subsection (a)(1)—

4 “(1)(A) the 4-, 5-, and 7½-year periods de-  
5 scribed in subsections (c)(3)(E)(ii) and (j)(5)(F)(ii)  
6 of section 505, the 3-year periods described in  
7 clauses (iii) and (iv) of subsection (c)(3)(E) and  
8 clauses (iii) and (iv) of subsection (j)(5)(F) of sec-  
9 tion 505, and the 7-year period described in section  
10 527, as applicable, shall be extended by 6 months;  
11 or

12 “(B) the 4- and 12-year periods described in  
13 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 351(k)(7) of  
14 the Public Health Service Act and the 7-year period  
15 described in section 527, as applicable, shall be ex-  
16 tended by 6 months; and

17 “(2)(A) if the drug is the subject of a listed  
18 patent for which a certification has been submitted  
19 under subsection (b)(2)(A)(ii) or (j)(2)(A)(vii)(II) of  
20 section 505 or a listed patent for which a certifi-  
21 cation has been submitted under subsections  
22 (b)(2)(A)(iii) or (j)(2)(A)(vii)(III) of section 505,  
23 the period during which an application may not be  
24 approved under section 505(c)(3) or section  
25 505(j)(5)(B) shall be extended by a period of 6

1 months after the date the patent expires (including  
2 any patent extensions); or

3 “(B) if the drug is the subject of a listed patent  
4 for which a certification has been submitted under  
5 subsection (b)(2)(A)(iv) or (j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) of sec-  
6 tion 505, and in the patent infringement litigation  
7 resulting from the certification the court determines  
8 that the patent is valid and would be infringed, the  
9 period during which an application may not be ap-  
10 proved under section 505(c)(3) or section  
11 505(j)(5)(B) shall be extended by a period of 6  
12 months after the date the patent expires (including  
13 any patent extensions).

14 “(c) RELATION TO PEDIATRIC AND QUALIFIED IN-  
15 FECTIOUS DISEASE PRODUCT EXCLUSIVITY.—Any exten-  
16 sion under subsection (b) of a period shall be in addition  
17 to any extension of the periods under sections 505A and  
18 505E of this Act and section 351(m) of the Public Health  
19 Service Act, as applicable, with respect to the drug.

20 “(d) LIMITATIONS.—The extension described in sub-  
21 section (b) shall not apply if the drug designated under  
22 subsection (a)(1) has previously received an extension by  
23 operation of subsection (b).

1       “(e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘rare  
2 disease or condition’ has the meaning given to such term  
3 in section 526(a)(2).”.

4       (b) APPLICATION.—Section 505G of the Federal  
5 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as added by subsection  
6 (a), applies only with respect to a drug for which an appli-  
7 cation or supplemental application described in subsection  
8 (a)(1)(B)(i) of such section 505G is first approved under  
9 section 505(c) of such Act (21 U.S.C. 355(c)) or section  
10 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
11 262(a)) on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

12       (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

13               (1) RELATION TO PEDIATRIC EXCLUSIVITY FOR  
14 DRUGS.—Section 505A of the Federal Food, Drug,  
15 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355a) is amended—

16                       (A) in subsection (b), by adding at the end  
17                       the following:

18               “(3) RELATION TO EXCLUSIVITY FOR A DRUG  
19 APPROVED FOR A NEW INDICATION FOR A RARE DIS-  
20 EASE OR CONDITION.—Notwithstanding the ref-  
21 erences in paragraph (1) to the lengths of the exclu-  
22 sivity periods after application of pediatric exclu-  
23 sivity, the 6-month extensions described in para-  
24 graph (1) shall be in addition to any extensions  
25 under section 505G.”; and

1 (B) in subsection (c), by adding at the end  
2 the following:

3 “(3) RELATION TO EXCLUSIVITY FOR A DRUG  
4 APPROVED FOR A NEW INDICATION FOR A RARE DIS-  
5 EASE OR CONDITION.—Notwithstanding the ref-  
6 erences in paragraph (1) to the lengths of the exclu-  
7 sivity periods after application of pediatric exclu-  
8 sivity, the 6-month extensions described in para-  
9 graph (1) shall be in addition to any extensions  
10 under section 505G.”.

11 (2) RELATION TO EXCLUSIVITY FOR NEW  
12 QUALIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASE PRODUCTS THAT  
13 ARE DRUGS.—Subsection (b) of section 505E of the  
14 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.  
15 355f) is amended—

16 (A) by amending the subsection heading to  
17 read as follows: “RELATION TO PEDIATRIC EX-  
18 CLUSIVITY AND EXCLUSIVITY FOR A DRUG AP-  
19 PROVED FOR A NEW INDICATION FOR A RARE  
20 DISEASE OR CONDITION”; and

21 (B) by striking “any extension of the pe-  
22 riod under section 505A” and inserting “any  
23 extension of the periods under sections 505A  
24 and 505G, as applicable,”.

1           (3) RELATION TO PEDIATRIC EXCLUSIVITY FOR  
2           BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS.—Section 351(m) of the  
3           Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(m)) is  
4           amended by adding at the end the following:

5           “(5) RELATION TO EXCLUSIVITY FOR A BIO-  
6           LOGICAL PRODUCT APPROVED FOR A NEW INDICA-  
7           TION FOR A RARE DISEASE OR CONDITION.—Not-  
8           withstanding the references in paragraphs (2)(A),  
9           (2)(B), (3)(A), and (3)(B) to the lengths of the ex-  
10          clusivity periods after application of pediatric exclu-  
11          sivity, the 6-month extensions described in such  
12          paragraphs shall be in addition to any extensions  
13          under section 505G.”.

14 **SEC. 2152. REAUTHORIZATION OF RARE PEDIATRIC DIS-**  
15                   **EASE PRIORITY REVIEW VOUCHER INCEN-**  
16                   **TIVE PROGRAM.**

17          (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 529 of the Federal Food,  
18          Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360ff) is amended—

19               (1) in subsection (a)—

20                   (A) in paragraph (3), by amending sub-  
21                   paragraph (A) to read as follows:

22                   “(A) The disease is a serious or life-threat-  
23                   ening disease in which the serious or life-threat-  
24                   ening manifestations primarily affect individ-  
25                   uals aged from birth to 18 years, including age



1 groups often called neonates, infants, children,  
2 and adolescents.”; and

3 (B) in paragraph (4)(A)—

4 (i) in subparagraph (E), by striking  
5 “and” at the end;

6 (ii) in subparagraph (F), by striking  
7 the period at the end and inserting “;  
8 and”; and

9 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 “(G) is for a drug or biological product for  
12 which a priority review voucher has not been  
13 issued under section 524 (relating to tropical  
14 disease products).”; and

15 (2) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (5)  
16 and inserting the following:

17 “(5) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The Sec-  
18 retary may not award any priority review vouchers  
19 under paragraph (1) after December 31, 2018.”.

20 (b) GAO STUDY AND REPORT.—

21 (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the  
22 United States shall conduct a study on the effective-  
23 ness of awarding priority review vouchers under sec-  
24 tion 529 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic  
25 Act (21 U.S.C. 360ff) in providing incentives for the

1 development of drugs that treat or prevent rare pe-  
2 diatric diseases (as defined in subsection (a)(3) of  
3 such section) that would not otherwise have been de-  
4 veloped. In conducting such study, the Comptroller  
5 General shall examine the following:

6 (A) The indications for which each drug  
7 for which a priority review voucher was award-  
8 ed under such section 529 was approved under  
9 section 505 of such Act (21 U.S.C. 355) or sec-  
10 tion 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
11 U.S.C. 262).

12 (B) Whether the priority review voucher  
13 impacted a sponsor's decision to invest in devel-  
14 oping a drug to treat or prevent a rare pedi-  
15 atric disease.

16 (C) An analysis of the drugs that utilized  
17 such priority review vouchers, which shall in-  
18 clude—

19 (i) the indications for which such  
20 drugs were approved under section 505 of  
21 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act  
22 (21 U.S.C. 355) or section 351 of the Pub-  
23 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262);

1 (ii) whether unmet medical needs were  
2 addressed through the approval of such  
3 drugs, including, for each such drug—

4 (I) if an alternative therapy was  
5 previously available to treat the indi-  
6 cation; and

7 (II) the benefit or advantage the  
8 drug provided over another available  
9 therapy;

10 (iii) the number of patients potentially  
11 treated by such drugs;

12 (iv) the value of the priority review  
13 voucher if transferred; and

14 (v) the length of time between the  
15 date on which a priority review voucher  
16 was awarded and the date on which it was  
17 used.

18 (D) With respect to the priority review  
19 voucher program under section 529 of the Fed-  
20 eral Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.  
21 360ff)—

22 (i) the resources used by, and burden  
23 placed on, the Food and Drug Administra-  
24 tion in implementing such program, includ-  
25 ing the effect of such program on the Food

1 and Drug Administration's review of drugs  
2 for which a priority review voucher was not  
3 awarded or used;

4 (ii) the impact of the program on the  
5 public health as a result of the expedited  
6 review of applications for drugs that treat  
7 or prevent non-serious indications that are  
8 generally used by the broader public; and

9 (iii) alternative approaches to improv-  
10 ing such program so that the program is  
11 appropriately targeted toward providing in-  
12 centives for the development of clinically  
13 important drugs that—

14 (I) prevent or treat rare pediatric  
15 diseases; and

16 (II) would likely not otherwise  
17 have been developed to prevent or  
18 treat such diseases.

19 (2) REPORT.—Not later than December 31,  
20 2017, the Comptroller General of the United States  
21 shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Com-  
22 merce of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
23 mittee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of  
24 the Senate a report containing the results of the  
25 study of conducted under paragraph (1).