



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

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Biosimilar User Fee Rates for Fiscal Year 2017

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the rates for biosimilar user fees for fiscal year (FY) 2017. The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the FD&C Act), as amended by the Biosimilar User Fee Act of 2012 (BsUFA), authorizes FDA to assess and collect user fees for certain activities in connection with biosimilar biological product development, certain applications and supplements for approval of biosimilar biological products, establishments where approved biosimilar biological products are made, and a biosimilar biological product fee for each biosimilar biological product approved in a biosimilar biological product application.

BsUFA directs FDA to establish, before the beginning of each fiscal year, the initial and annual biosimilar biological product development (BPD) fees, the reactivation fee, and the biosimilar biological product application, establishment, and product fees. These fees are effective on October 1, 2016, and will remain in effect through September 30, 2017.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Sections 744G, 744H, and 744I of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 379j-51, 379j-52, and 379j-53), as added by BsUFA (Title IV of the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act, Pub. L. 112-144), establish fees for biosimilar biological products. Under section 744H(a)(1)(A) of the FD&C Act, the initial BPD fee for a product is due when the sponsor submits an investigational new drug (IND) application that FDA determines is intended to support a biosimilar biological product application or within 5 calendar days after FDA grants the first BPD meeting, whichever occurs first. A sponsor who has paid the initial BPD fee is considered to be participating in FDA's BPD program for that product.

Under section 744H(a)(1)(B) of the FD&C Act, once a sponsor has paid the initial BPD fee for a product, the annual BPD fee is assessed beginning with the next fiscal year. The annual BPD fee is assessed for the product each fiscal year until the sponsor submits a marketing application for the product that is accepted for filing, or discontinues participation in FDA's BPD program.

Under section 744H(a)(1)(D) of the FD&C Act, if a sponsor has discontinued participation in FDA's BPD program and wants to re-engage with FDA on development of the product, the sponsor must pay a reactivation fee to resume participation in the program. The sponsor must pay the reactivation fee by the earlier of the following dates: No later than 5 calendar days after FDA grants the sponsor's request for a BPD meeting for that product, or upon the date of submission of an IND describing an investigation that FDA determines is intended to support a biosimilar biological product application. The sponsor will be assessed an annual BPD fee beginning with the first fiscal year after payment of the reactivation fee.

BsUFA also establishes fees for certain applications and supplements, establishments where approved biosimilar biological products are made in final dosage form, and for each biosimilar biological product approved in a biosimilar biological product application (section 744H(a)(2), 744H(a)(3), and 744H(a)(4), respectively, of the FD&C Act). Under certain conditions, FDA may grant a small business a waiver from its first biosimilar biological product application fee (section 744H(c)(1) of the FD&C Act).

Under BsUFA, the initial and annual BPD fee rates for a fiscal year are equal to 10 percent of the fee rate established under the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) for an application requiring clinical data for that fiscal year. The reactivation fee is equal to 20 percent of the fee rate established under PDUFA for an application requiring clinical data for that fiscal year. Finally, the application, establishment, and product fee rates under BsUFA are equal to the application, establishment, and product fee rates under PDUFA, respectively (section 744H(b)(1) of the FD&C Act).

II. Fee Amounts for FY 2017

BsUFA directs FDA to establish the biosimilar biological product fee rates in each fiscal year by reference to the user fees established under PDUFA for that fiscal year. For more information about BsUFA, please refer to the FDA Web site at <http://www.fda.gov/bsufa>. The BsUFA fee calculations for FY 2017 are described in this document.

A. Initial and Annual BPD Fees, Reactivation Fees

Under BsUFA, the initial and annual BPD fees equal 10 percent of the PDUFA fee for an application requiring clinical data, and the reactivation fee equals 20 percent of the PDUFA fee for an application requiring clinical data. The FY 2017 fee for an application requiring clinical data under PDUFA is \$2,038,100. Multiplying the PDUFA application fee, \$2,038,100, by 0.1

results in FY 2017 initial and annual BPD fees of \$203,810. Multiplying the PDUFA application fee, \$2,038,100, by 0.2 results in a FY 2017 reactivation fee of \$407,620.

B. Application and Supplement Fees

The FY 2017 fee for a biosimilar biological product application requiring clinical data equals the PDUFA fee for an application requiring clinical data, \$2,038,100. The FY 2017 fee for a biosimilar biological product application not requiring clinical data equals half this amount, \$1,019,050. However, under section 744H(a)(2)(A) of the FD&C Act, if a sponsor submitting a biosimilar biological product application has previously paid an initial BPD fee, annual BPD fee(s), and/or reactivation fee(s) for the product that is the subject of the application, the fee for the application is reduced by the cumulative amount of these previously paid fees. The FY 2017 fee for a biosimilar biological product supplement with clinical data is \$1,019,050, which is half the fee for a biosimilar biological product application requiring clinical data.

C. Establishment Fee

The FY 2017 biosimilar biological product establishment fee for establishments where approved biosimilar biological products are made is equal to the FY 2017 PDUFA establishment fee of \$512,200.

D. Product Fee

The FY 2017 biosimilar biological product fee for each biosimilar biological product approved in a biosimilar biological product application is equal to the FY 2017 PDUFA product fee of \$97,750.

III. Fee Schedule for FY 2017

The fee rates for FY 2017 are provided in table 1.

Table 1.--Fee Schedule for FY 2017

Fee Category	Fee Rates for FY 2017
Initial BPD	\$203,810
Annual BPD	\$203,810
Reactivation	\$407,620
Applications ¹	
Requiring clinical data	\$2,038,100
Not requiring clinical data	\$1,019,050
Supplement requiring clinical data	\$1,019,050
Establishment	\$512,200
Product	\$97,750

¹ Under section 744H(a)(2)(A) of the FD&C Act, if a sponsor that submits a biosimilar biological product application has previously paid an initial BPD fee, annual BPD fees, and/or reactivation fees for the product that is the subject of the application, the fee for the application is reduced by the cumulative amount of these previously paid fees.

IV. Fee Payment Options and Procedures

A. Initial BPD, Reactivation, Application, and Supplement Fees

The fees established in the new fee schedule are effective October 1, 2016. The initial BPD fee for a product is due when the sponsor submits an IND that FDA determines is intended to support a biosimilar biological product application for the product or within 5 calendar days after FDA grants the first BPD meeting for the product, whichever occurs first. Sponsors who have discontinued participation in the BPD program must pay the reactivation fee by the earlier of the following dates: No later than 5 calendar days after FDA grants the sponsor's request for a BPD meeting for that product, or upon the date of submission of an IND describing an investigation that FDA determines is intended to support a biosimilar biological product application.

The application or supplement fee for a biosimilar biological product is due upon submission of the application or supplement.

To make a payment of the initial BPD, reactivation, supplement, or application fee, complete the Biosimilar User Fee Cover Sheet, available on FDA's Web site (<http://www.fda.gov/bsufa>) and generate a user fee identification (ID) number. Payment must be made in U.S. currency by electronic check, check, bank draft, U.S. postal money order, or wire transfer. The preferred payment method is online using electronic check (Automated Clearing House (ACH) also known as eCheck) or credit card (Discover, VISA, MasterCard, American Express). Secure electronic payments can be submitted using the User Fees Payment Portal at <https://userfees.fda.gov/pay>. Once you search for your invoice, click "Pay Now" to be redirected to Pay.gov. Note that electronic payment options are based on the balance due. Payment by credit card is available for balances less than \$25,000. If the balance exceeds this amount, only the ACH option is available. Payments must be drawn on U.S bank accounts as well as U.S. credit cards.

FDA has partnered with the U.S. Department of the Treasury to use <http://www.pay.gov>, a Web-based payment application, for online electronic payment. The Pay.gov feature is available on FDA's Web site after completing the Biosimilar User Fee Cover Sheet and generating the user fee ID number.

Please include the user fee ID number on your check, bank draft, or postal money order, and make it payable to the Food and Drug Administration. Your payment can be mailed to: Food and Drug Administration, P.O. Box 979108, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000. If you prefer to send a check by a courier such as Federal Express or United Parcel Service, the courier may deliver the check and printed copy of the cover sheet to: U.S. Bank, ATTN: Government

Lockbox 979108, 1005 Convention Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63101. (Note: This U.S. Bank address is for courier delivery only. Contact U.S. Bank at 314-418-4013 if you have any questions concerning courier delivery.) Please make sure that the FDA post office box number (P.O. Box 979108) is written on the check, bank draft, or postal money order.

If paying by wire transfer, please reference your unique user fee ID number when completing your transfer. The originating financial institution may charge a wire transfer fee. Please ask your financial institution about the fee and include it with your payment to ensure that your fee is fully paid. The account information is as follows: U.S. Department of Treasury, TREAS NYC, 33 Liberty St., New York, NY 10045, Acct. No.: 75060099, Routing No.: 021030004, SWIFT: FRNYUS33, Beneficiary: FDA, 8455 Colesville Rd., 14th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002.

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B. Annual BPD, Establishment, and Product Fees

FDA will issue invoices for annual BPD, biosimilar biological product establishment, and biosimilar biological product fees under the new fee schedule in August 2016. Payment instructions will be included in the invoices. Payment will be due on October 1, 2016. If sponsors join the BPD program after the annual BPD invoices have been issued in August 2016, FDA will issue invoices in November 2016 to firms subject to fees for FY 2017 that qualify for the annual BPD fee after the August 2016 billing. FDA will issue invoices in November 2017 for any annual products and establishments subject to fees for FY 2017 that qualify for fee assessments after the August 2016 billing.

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