

1 “(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
2 date on which the Council is established and each year
3 thereafter, the Executive Director shall submit to the ap-
4 propriate congressional committees a report on the per-
5 formance of the Council. In preparing such report, the
6 Council shall consult with a nongovernmental consultant
7 with appropriate expertise.

8 **“SEC. 281F. FUNDING.**

9 “For the each of fiscal years 2016 through 2023,
10 there is authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 to the
11 Council for purposes of carrying out the duties of the
12 Council under this part.”.

13 **TITLE II—DEVELOPMENT**
14 **Subtitle A—Patient-Focused Drug**
15 **Development**

16 **SEC. 2001. DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF PATIENT EXPERI-**
17 **ENCE DATA TO ENHANCE STRUCTURED RISK-**
18 **BENEFIT ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 505 of the Federal Food,
20 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355) is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (d), by striking “The Sec-
22 retary shall implement” and all that follows through
23 “premarket approval of a drug.”; and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
25 sections:

1 “(x) STRUCTURED RISK-BENEFIT ASSESSMENT
2 FRAMEWORK.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall imple-
4 ment a structured risk-benefit assessment frame-
5 work in the new drug approval process—

6 “(A) to facilitate the balanced consider-
7 ation of benefits and risks; and

8 “(B) to develop and implement a con-
9 sistent and systematic approach to the discus-
10 sion of, regulatory decisionmaking with respect
11 to, and the communication of, the benefits and
12 risks of new drugs.

13 “(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
14 paragraph (1) shall alter the criteria for evaluating
15 an application for premarket approval of a drug.

16 “(y) DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF PATIENT EXPERI-
17 ENCE DATA TO ENHANCE STRUCTURED RISK-BENEFIT
18 ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years
20 after the date of the enactment of this subsection,
21 the Secretary shall establish and implement proc-
22 esses under which—

23 “(A) an entity seeking to develop patient
24 experience data may submit to the Secretary—

1 “(i) initial research concepts for feed-
2 back from the Secretary; and

3 “(ii) with respect to patient experience
4 data collected by the entity, draft guidance
5 documents, completed data, and sum-
6 maries and analyses of such data;

7 “(B) the Secretary may request such an
8 entity to submit such documents, data, and
9 summaries and analyses; and

10 “(C) patient experience data may be devel-
11 oped and used to enhance the structured risk-
12 benefit assessment framework under subsection
13 (x).

14 “(2) PATIENT EXPERIENCE DATA.—In this sub-
15 section, the term ‘patient experience data’ means
16 data collected by patients, parents, caregivers, pa-
17 tient advocacy organizations, disease research foun-
18 dations, medical researchers, research sponsors, or
19 other parties determined appropriate by the Sec-
20 retary that is intended to facilitate or enhance the
21 Secretary’s risk-benefit assessments, including infor-
22 mation about the impact of a disease or a therapy
23 on patients’ lives.”.

24 (b) GUIDANCE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
2 Human Services shall publish guidance on the imple-
3 mentation of subsection (y) of section 505 of the
4 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
5 355), as added by subsection (a). Such guidance
6 shall include—

7 (A) with respect to draft guidance docu-
8 ments, data, or summaries and analyses sub-
9 mitted to the Secretary under paragraph (1)(A)
10 of such subsection, guidance—

11 (i) specifying the timelines for the re-
12 view of such documents, data, or sum-
13 maries and analyses by the Secretary; and

14 (ii) on how the Secretary will use such
15 documents, data, or summaries and anal-
16 yses to update any guidance documents
17 published under this subsection or publish
18 new guidance;

19 (B) with respect to the collection and anal-
20 ysis of patient experience data (as defined in
21 paragraph (2) of such subsection (y)), guidance
22 on—

23 (i) methodological considerations for
24 the collection of patient experience data,

1 which may include structured approaches
2 to gathering information on—

3 (I) the experience of a patient liv-
4 ing with a particular disease;

5 (II) the burden of living with or
6 managing the disease;

7 (III) the impact of the disease on
8 daily life and long-term functioning;
9 and

10 (IV) the effect of current thera-
11 peutic options on different aspects of
12 the disease; and

13 (ii) the establishment and mainte-
14 nance of registries designed to increase un-
15 derstanding of the natural history of a dis-
16 ease;

17 (C) methodological approaches that may be
18 used to assess patients' beliefs with respect to
19 the benefits and risks in the management of the
20 patient's disease; and

21 (D) methodologies, standards, and poten-
22 tial experimental designs for patient-reported
23 outcomes.

24 (2) TIMING.—Not later than 3 years after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of

1 Health and Human Services shall issue draft guid-
2 ance on the implementation of subsection (y) of sec-
3 tion 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
4 Act (21 U.S.C. 355), as added by subsection (a).
5 The Secretary shall issue final guidance on the im-
6 plementation of such subsection not later than one
7 year after the date on which the comment period for
8 the draft guidance closes.

9 (3) WORKSHOPS.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6
11 months after the date of the enactment of this
12 Act and once every 6 months during the fol-
13 lowing 12-month period, the Secretary of
14 Health and Human Services shall convene a
15 workshop to obtain input regarding methodolo-
16 gies for developing the guidance under para-
17 graph (1), including the collection of patient ex-
18 perience data.

19 (B) ATTENDEES.—A workshop convened
20 under this paragraph shall include—

21 (i) patients;

22 (ii) representatives from patient advoca-
23 cy organizations, biopharmaceutical com-
24 panies, and disease research foundations;

1 (iii) representatives of the reviewing
2 divisions of the Food and Drug Adminis-
3 tration; and

4 (iv) methodological experts with sig-
5 nificant expertise in patient experience
6 data.

7 (4) PUBLIC MEETING.—Not later than 90 days
8 after the date on which the draft guidance is pub-
9 lished under this subsection, the Secretary of Health
10 and Human Services shall convene a public meeting
11 to solicit input on the guidance.

12 **Subtitle B—Qualification and Use** 13 **of Drug Development Tools**

14 **SEC. 2021. QUALIFICATION OF DRUG DEVELOPMENT** 15 **TOOLS.**

16 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

17 (1) Development of new drugs has become in-
18 creasingly challenging and resource intensive.

19 (2) Development of drug development tools can
20 benefit the availability of new medical therapies by
21 helping to translate scientific discoveries into clinical
22 applications.

23 (3) Biomedical research consortia (as defined in
24 section 507(f) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
25 metic Act, as added by subsection (c)) can play a