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Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305)  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

**Re: Prescription Drug User Fee Act; Public Meeting [Docket No. FDA-2016-N-1895]**

The Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA) appreciates this opportunity to comment on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) proposed recommendations for the reauthorization of the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) for fiscal years 2018 to 2022.

HSCA's member group purchasing organizations (GPOs) are critical partners to virtually all of America's 8,000+ hospitals, as well as the majority of its 68,000+ non-acute care providers, including nursing homes, clinics, and surgery centers. HSCA and its members are committed to lowering costs and increasing competition and innovation in the healthcare marketplace. We are also committed to helping hospitals and non-acute care providers deliver effective and affordable care to the patients they serve.

We applaud FDA for keeping the interests of patients at the center of its decision-making process, and we share the agency's commitment to improving patient health outcomes. It is critical that the regulatory approval pathway for new drugs keep up with advancements in science and breakthroughs in treatment. This will guarantee that Americans will benefit both from access to innovative therapies and cost efficiencies in healthcare.

We urge FDA to ensure that it adopts and embraces efficient human resource processes that provide appropriate staff and resources necessary to continue to meet its safety mandate while also providing for an expeditious approval process for new drugs.

HSCA and its members look forward to continuing to work with FDA as the agency finalizes its recommendations. Implementation will be key to ensuring safe and affordable access to innovative treatments.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any questions or if HSCA can be a resource. I can be reached at 202.367.1162 or [tebert@supplychainassociation.org](mailto:tebert@supplychainassociation.org).

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