



NDA 020683/S-014

## SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Cadence Health  
Attention: Ruth Lessard  
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Dear Ruth Lessard:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application (sNDA) dated and received September 29, 2020, and your amendments, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Alesse (ethinyl estradiol and levonorgestrel) tablets.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendment dated May 1, 2023, which constituted a complete response to our February 2, 2023, action letter.

This "Changes Being Effected" labeling supplement to your application provides for the following changes:

- Updates to the prescribing information (PI) and patient package insert (PPI) to align with class labeling as outlined in the draft guidance for industry, *Labeling for Combined Hormonal Contraceptives (December 2017)*
- Removal of the section entitled "Noncontraceptive Health Benefits"

### **APPROVAL & LABELING**

We have completed our review of this application, as amended. It is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed agreed-upon labeling.

## **CONTENT OF LABELING**

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format using the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), as described at FDA.gov.<sup>1</sup> Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the Prescribing Information, and Patient Package Insert), with the addition of any labeling changes in pending “Changes Being Effectuated” (CBE) supplements, as well as annual reportable changes not included in the enclosed labeling

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*.<sup>2</sup>

The SPL will be accessible from publicly available labeling repositories.

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications that include labeling changes for this NDA, including CBE supplements for which FDA has not yet issued an action letter, with the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)(1)(i)] in Microsoft Word format, that includes the changes approved in this supplemental application, as well as annual reportable changes. To facilitate review of your submission(s), provide a highlighted or marked-up copy that shows all changes, as well as a clean Microsoft Word version. The marked-up copy should provide appropriate annotations, including supplement number(s) and annual report date(s).

## **REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS**

Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) (21 U.S.C. 355c), all applications for new active ingredients (which includes new salts and new fixed combinations), new indications, new dosage forms, new dosing regimens, or new routes of administration are required to contain an assessment of the safety and effectiveness of the product for the claimed indication in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

Because none of these criteria apply to your application, you are exempt from this requirement.

## **PATENT LISTING REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to 21 CFR 314.53(d)(2) and 314.70(f), certain changes to an approved NDA submitted in a supplement require you to submit patent information for listing in the Orange Book upon approval of the supplement. You must submit the patent information

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>

<sup>2</sup> We update guidances periodically. For the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA Guidance Documents Database <https://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm>.

required by 21 CFR 314.53(d)(2)(i)(A) through (C) and 314.53(d)(2)(ii)(A) and (C), as applicable, to FDA on Form FDA 3542 within 30 days after the date of approval of the supplement for the patent information to be timely filed (see 21 CFR 314.53(c)(2)(ii)). You also must ensure that any changes to your approved NDA that require the submission of a request to remove patent information from the Orange Book are submitted to FDA at the time of approval of the supplement pursuant to 21 CFR 314.53(d)(2)(ii)(B) and 314.53(f)(2)(iv).

### **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81).

If you have any questions, call Jeannie Roule, Chief, Project Management Staff, at 301-796-3993.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

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### **ENCLOSURE**

- Content of Labeling
  - Prescribing Information
  - Patient Package Insert

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