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Today's Topic:

**Marketing Submission Recommendations for a Predetermined Change Control Plan for Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML)-Enabled Device Software Functions, Draft Guidance**

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# Marketing Submission Recommendations for a Predetermined Change Control Plan for Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML)-Enabled Device Software Functions, Draft Guidance

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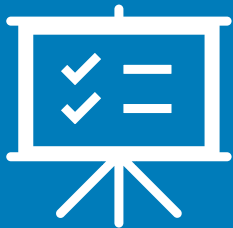
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# Draft Guidance

- **Marketing Submission Recommendations for a Predetermined Change Control Plan for Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML)-Enabled Device Software Functions**

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# Learning Objectives



- ✓ Describe background on FDA’s collaborative patient-centered approach to AI/ML-enabled devices
- ✓ Describe purpose and scope of draft guidance
- ✓ Explain FDA’s current thinking on modifications for Machine Learning-Enabled Device Software Functions (ML-DSFs)
- ✓ Describe the proposed recommendations for information to be included in a Predetermined Change Control Plan (PCCP) in a marketing submission for a device that is or includes an ML-DSF

# Background

# Patients are at the Heart of What We Do



## CDRH Vision

Patients in the U.S. have access to high-quality, safe, and effective medical devices of public health importance first in the world

# Ensuring Patient Access to Safe and Effective AI/ML-Enabled Devices

- Digital health technologies play an increasingly significant role in many facets of our health and daily lives, across a broad spectrum of diseases and conditions
- AI/ML is powering important advancements in this field in a manner that lends itself to rapid technological improvement over time
- Ensuring these innovative devices are safe, effective, and can reach their full potential to help people, is central to the FDA’s public health mission





# Promoting Development of Safe and Effective AI/ML-Enabled Devices

The draft guidance:

- Proposes a science-based approach to put safe and effective advancements in hands of health care providers and users faster
  - Help to enable more personalized medicine and increase pace of medical device innovation
  - Informed by FDA’s experience in regulating AI/ML-enabled devices

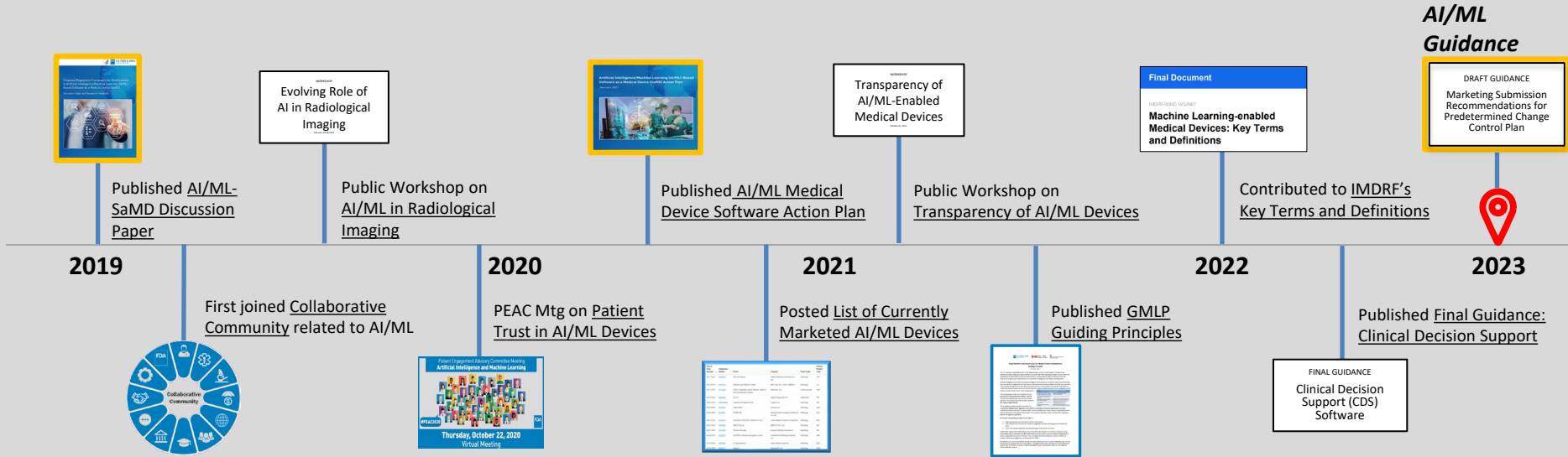


# Supporting FDA's Strategic Priority to Promote Health Equity

- PCCPs can further this priority by:
  - Facilitating more rapid and continuous improvement of AI/ML-enabled device performance across diverse populations
  - Ensuring important performance considerations – including with respect to race, ethnicity, disease severity, gender, age, and geographical considerations – are addressed throughout the total product lifecycle
- Draft guidance proposes to place a significant and increased emphasis on importance of clearly communicating valuable information about these considerations to device users



# FDA's Collaborative Patient-Centered Approach to AI/ML-Enabled Devices



We're working collaboratively with stakeholders to build a proactive, patient-centered approach to AI/ML-enabled devices that promotes health equity.

# FDA's Collaborative Patient-Centered Approach to AI/ML-Enabled Devices

2019

Discussion Paper



Proposed regulatory framework for modifications to AI/ML-enabled medical device software to assure their safety and effectiveness, including **pre-specification of software changes to enable rapid improvement of software products**

2021

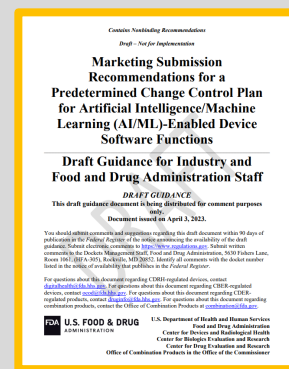
Action Plan



Holistic, patient-centered strategic approach to AI/ML-enabled devices that promotes health equity, including aims to **update the proposed regulatory framework and foster a patient-centered approach, including transparency to users**

2023

Draft Guidance



Proposed, least burdensome approach to support safe, iterative improvement through modifications to an AI/ML-enabled device

# Food and Drug Omnibus Reform Act (“FDORA”) Included a Provision for PCCPs



FDORA grants authority for PCCPs\*

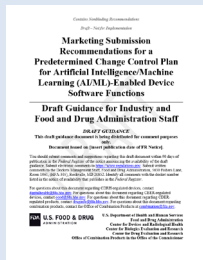
- *Changes to a device consistent with an approved predetermined change control plan do not require a supplemental application. It may also require that change control plans include labeling required for safe and effective use of the device.*



The PCCP provision applies to more than just AI/ML-enabled devices

- *This provision applies to all devices—it is not specific to AI/ML-enabled devices or software devices. It applies to both premarket approval (PMA) applications and 510(k) applications.*

## 2023 Draft Guidance on PCCPs for AI/ML-Enabled Devices



- *This Draft Guidance provides proposed recommendations specifically for ML-DSFs that a manufacturer intends to modify over time. Consistent with the addition of section 515C, this draft guidance discusses the submission of PCCPs in marketing submissions for ML-DSFs.*

\*Per section 3308 of FDORA, Title III of Division FF of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, enacted on December 29, 2022, which added section 515C to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act).

# Purpose and Scope

# Scope of Draft Guidance

- Applicable to machine learning-enabled device software functions (ML-DSFs) that a manufacturer intends to modify over time
- Describes proposed recommendations on information to be included in a Predetermined Change Control Plan (PCCP) provided as part of a marketing submission
- Generally, recommendations apply to device constituent part of a combination product, when the device constituent part is (or includes) an ML-DSF
- PCCP is an optional mechanism within a marketing submission for premarket authorization for modifications to an ML-DSF

# Scope of Draft Guidance

- NOT intended to provide a complete description of what may be necessary to include in a marketing submission for an ML-DSF
- NOT intended to delineate types of modifications the Agency would consider acceptable in a PCCP
- FDA Review Team determines whether scope of modifications is appropriate for inclusion in a PCCP and what evidence and information are required to support proposed modifications in a marketing submission



# Pathways for Authorization

- FDA considers the PCCP to be part of the technological characteristics of the device
- Per section 515C of the FD&C Act, a PCCP may be reviewed in a 510(k) if the device remains:
  - safe and effective without any such change
  - substantially equivalent to the predicate
- Per section 515C of the FD&C Act, only the version of an ML-DSF that has been cleared or approved, prior to implementing any changes made per an authorized PCCP, may be used as a predicate device

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# Definitions

- **Device Software Function (DSF):**  
Software function that meets the device definition in section 201(h) of the FD&C Act. As discussed in other FDA guidances, the term “function” is a distinct purpose of the product, which could be the intended use or a subset of the intended use of the product
- ***Machine Learning-Enabled Device Software Function (ML-DSF):***  
A device software function (as defined above) that implements an ML model trained with ML techniques

# Definitions – Data Sets

- **Training Data:** These data are used by the ML-DSF manufacturer in procedures and ML training algorithms to build an ML model, including to define model weights, connections, and components
- **Tuning Data\*:** These data are typically used by the ML-DSF manufacturer to evaluate a small number of trained ML-DSFs in order to explore, for example different architectures or hyperparameters
- **Testing Data:** These data are used to characterize the performance of the ML-DSF. The testing phase is expected to provide data to establish a reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness before an ML-DSF is marketed

*\*The ML community sometimes refers to the tuning data and phase with the word “**validation**.” To be consistent with the definition of validation in 21 CFR 820.3(z), we recommend that the word “validation” not be used when referring to data or operations related to training or tuning ML models intended for medical applications.*

# Definitions –

## Predetermined Change Control Plan

- **Predetermined Change Control Plan (PCCP):**

Documentation describing what modifications will be made to the ML-DSF and how the modifications will be assessed. Includes:

- **Description of Modifications**
- **Modification Protocol**
- **Impact Assessment**

- ***Authorized* Predetermined Change Control Plan:**

A PCCP that has been reviewed and established through a device marketing authorization. An authorized PCCP is a technological characteristic of the authorized device with which it was established

# Term Mapping

## 2019 Discussion Paper

**Predetermined Change Control Plan**

**SaMD Pre-Specifications**

**Algorithm Change Protocol**

**Impact**

## Current Draft Guidance

**Predetermined Change Control Plan**

**Description of Modifications**

**Modification Protocol**

**Impact Assessment**



**SaMD = Software as a Medical Device**

# Draft Guidance Document Outline



*Contains Nonbinding Recommendations*

*Draft – Not for Implementation*

## **Marketing Submission Recommendations for a Predetermined Change Control Plan for Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML)-Enabled Device Software Functions**

### **Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff**

#### ***DRAFT GUIDANCE***

This draft guidance document is being distributed for comment purposes only.

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- Appendix B: Example ML-DSF Scenarios Employing PCCPs

# **Proposed Approach for Modifications for Machine Learning-Enabled Device Software Functions (ML-DSF)**



# Draft Policy for PCCPs

**An authorized PCCP specifies planned modifications that, if not included in a PCCP, could otherwise require a new marketing submission\***

**The modifications can be implemented to the ML-DSF without triggering the need for a new marketing submission**

**Modifications made to an ML-DSF that are not specified in the authorized PCCP could require a new marketing submission\***

\*Note: pursuant to 21 CFR 807.81(a)(3) and 21 CFR 814.39(a), and in accordance with the “Modifications” guidances. For a list of the “Modifications” guidances, please see the Resources slide.

# Proposed Components of PCCPs



## Description of Modifications

### “What” a manufacturer intends the algorithm to become as it learns

- Identifies specific, planned modifications to ML-DSF that the manufacturer intends to implement
- Draws a “range of FDA-authorized specifications” around initial device characteristics and performance

## Modification Protocol

### “How” the algorithm will learn/change while remaining safe and effective

- Describes methods that will be followed when developing, validating, and implementing the modifications to ensure the device remains safe and effective
- Methods described in Modification Protocol should be consistent with and support the modifications outlined in Description of Modifications

## Impact Assessment

### Describes modifications’ benefits and risks, and how risks are mitigated

- Assesses benefits and risks of each individual modification, as well as collective impact of modifications, included in the Description of Modifications
- Discusses how activities proposed within Modification Protocol mitigate identified risks to continue to reasonably ensure the safety and effectiveness of the device

## Predetermined Change Control Plan

# **Proposed PCCP Recommendations for Marketing Submissions**

# Establishing a PCCP

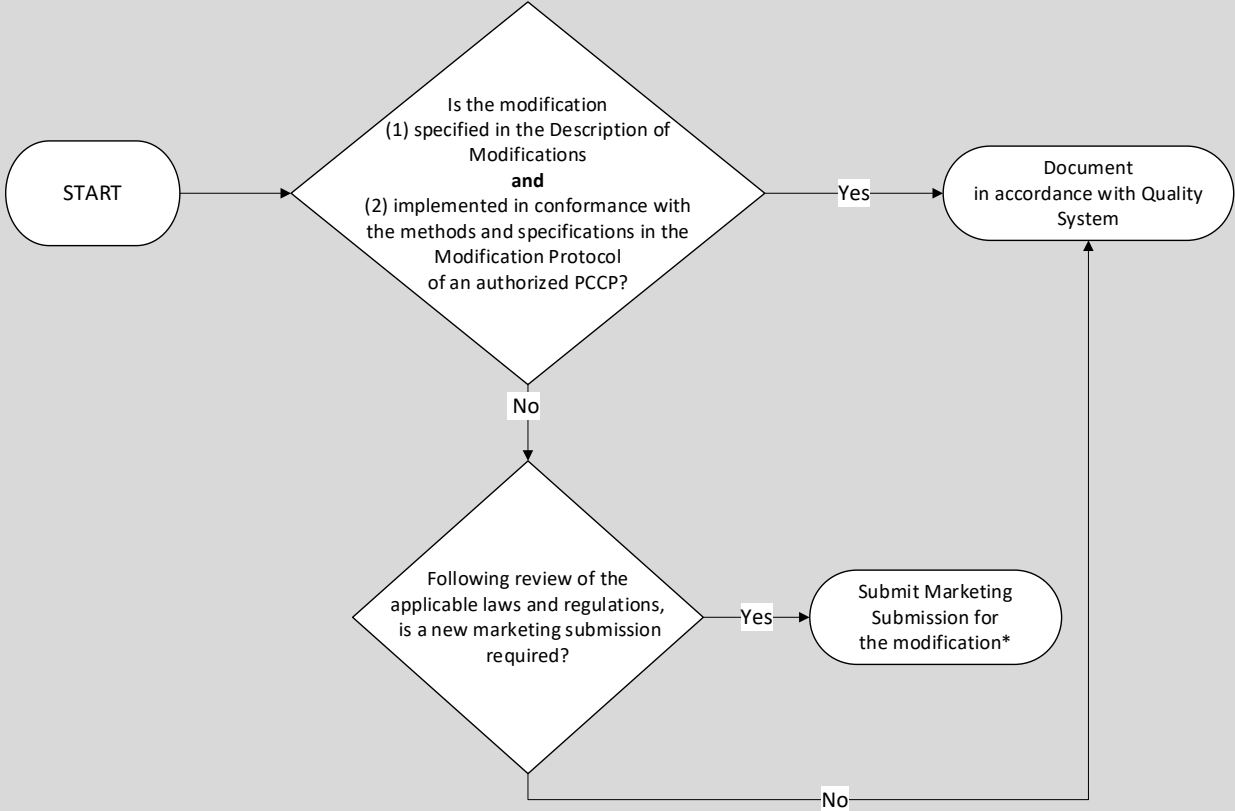
- A PCCP is **included in a marketing submission for a device and established as part of that authorization\***
- An “authorized PCCP” is one that has been reviewed and established through the device marketing authorization
- To establish a new PCCP for a previously authorized device, the marketing submission must include appropriate marketing submission requirements and the proposed PCCP for the device

\*Note: The term “authorization” is used to include clearance of a 510(k), granting of a De Novo, or approval of PMA

# Identifying a PCCP in a Marketing Submission

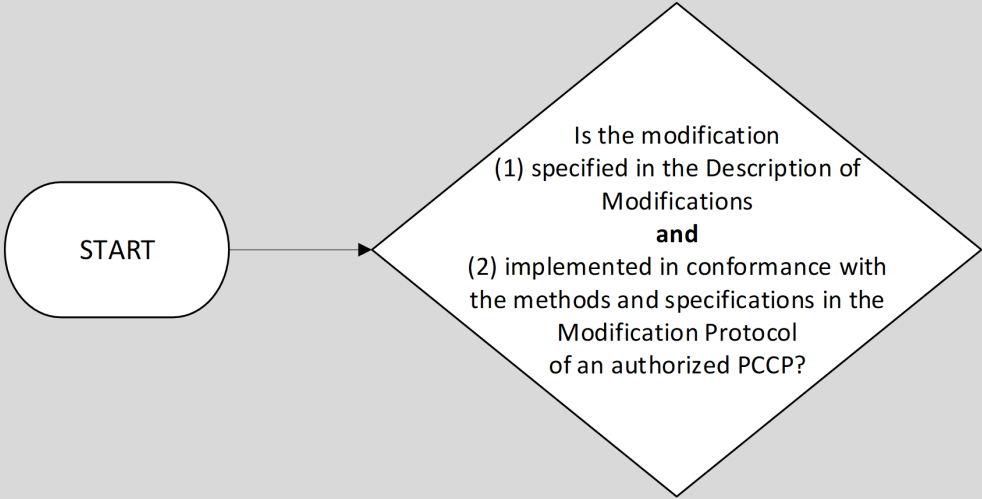
- In the marketing submission, the PCCP:
  - should be a standalone section, noted in the cover letter, and listed in the table of contents as “Predetermined Change Control Plan”
  - should be discussed as part of the device description, labeling, and other relevant sections
- The PCCP should be described in the:
  - 510(k) summary,
  - De Novo decision summary, or
  - PMA summary of safety and effectiveness document (SSED) and approval order
- Details of the PCCP should be included in sufficient detail to **support transparency to users** regarding the safety and effectiveness of the device
- Labeling should include an adequate description to **ensure appropriate use of the device**

# Using an Authorized PCCP to Implement Modifications

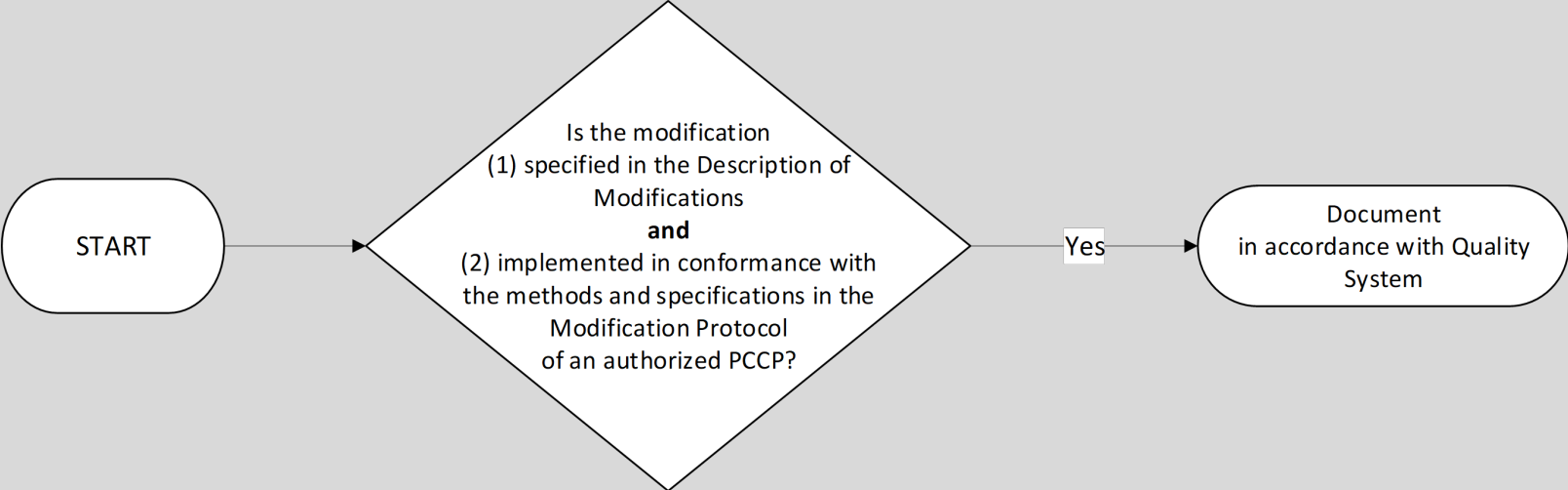


\*For the modified device to have a PCCP, a PCCP should be submitted with the marketing submission so that the device and PCCP can be authorized together.

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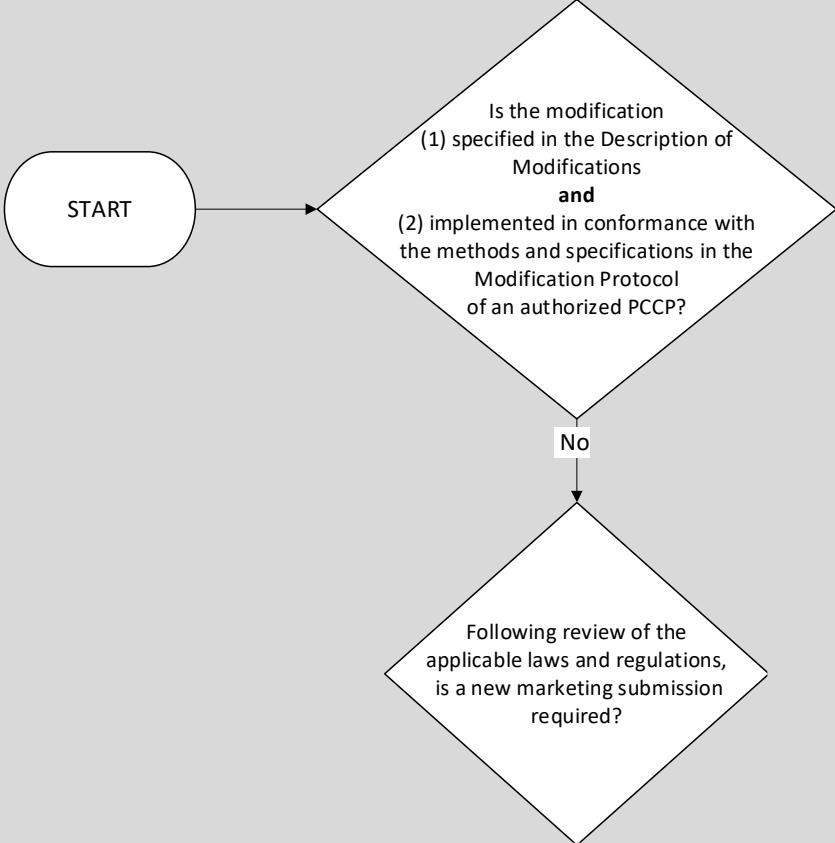


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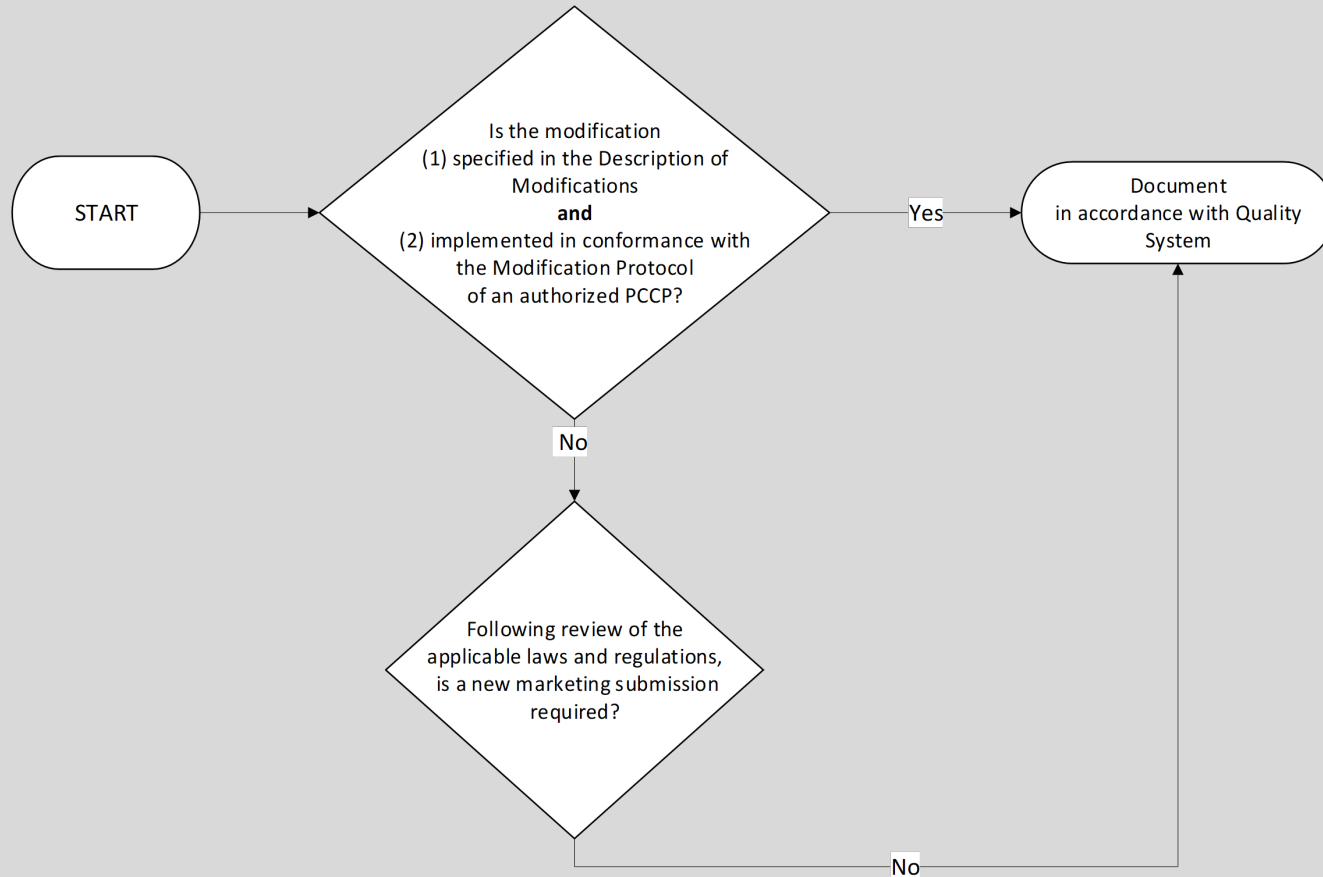




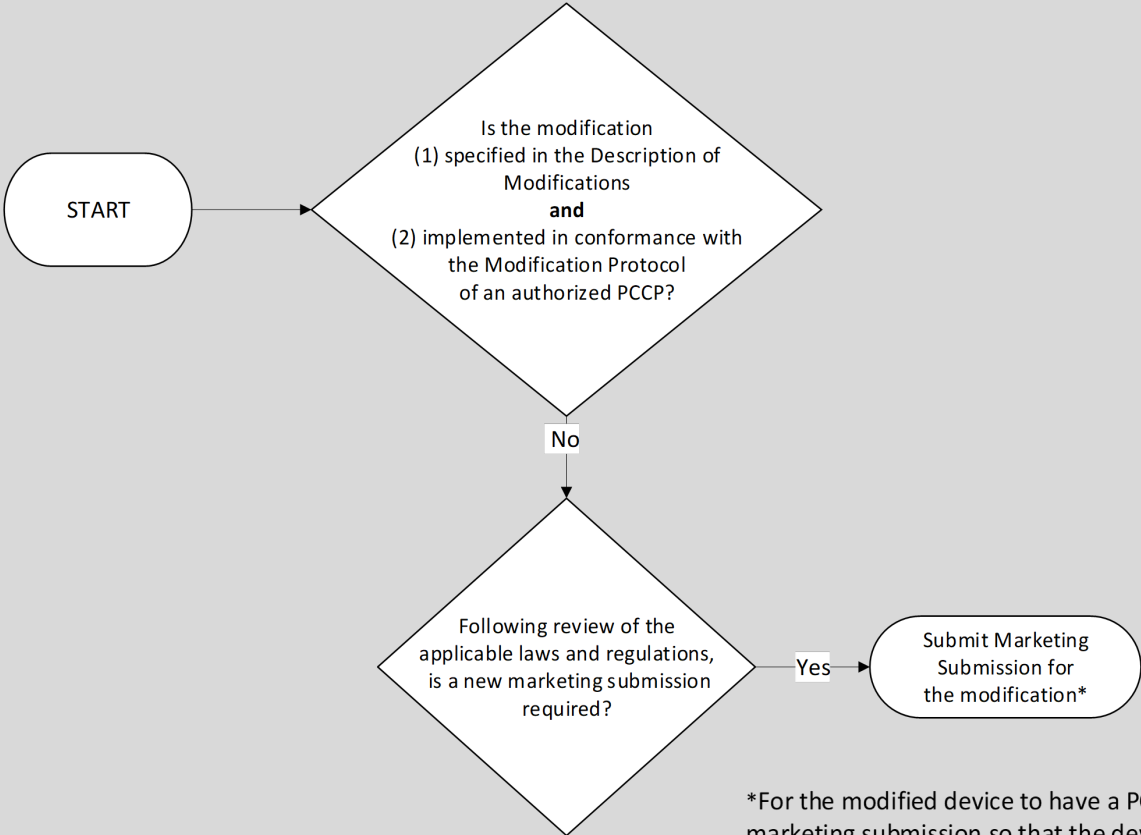
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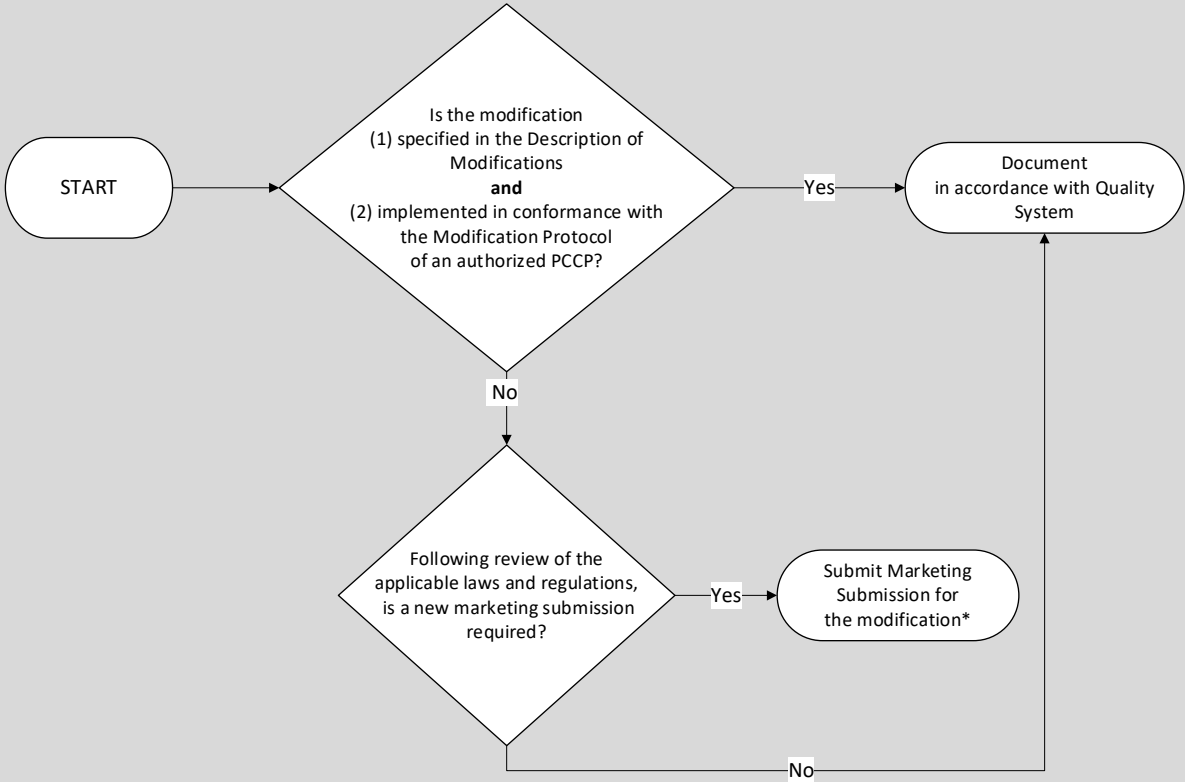


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# Modifications that are not consistent with an Authorized PCCP



- The manufacturer should evaluate modifications to an authorized device that **are not consistent with an authorized PCCP to determine if a new marketing submission is required for the modification**, as would modifications to a device without an authorized PCCP
  - For 510(k), see [21 CFR 807.81\(a\)\(3\)](#)
  - For PMA, see [21 CFR 814.39\(a\)](#)
- If, after review of applicable laws and regulations, a new marketing submission is required, then **the manufacturer must submit the appropriate marketing submission before the modified device is marketed**

# Modifying a Device and its PCCP

- To **modify a PCCP for a previously authorized device with a PCCP**, the marketing submission must include the appropriate marketing submission requirements for the device and a proposed PCCP
- If **the authorized device is significantly modified**, except for modifications specified in the authorized PCCP, a new marketing submission is required

An authorized PCCP is applicable only to the version of the authorized device with which it was established

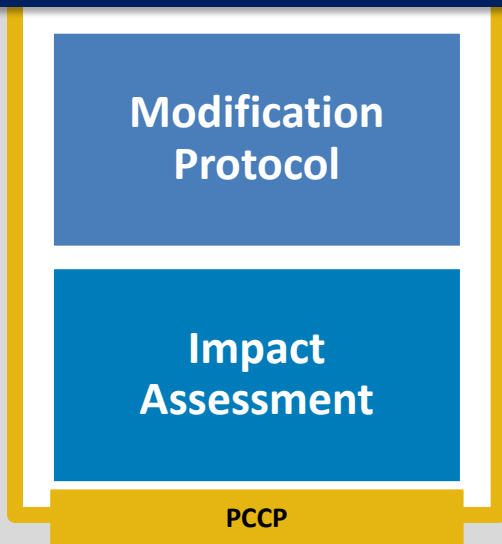
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# Description of Modifications



**“What” a manufacturer intends the algorithm to become as it learns**



# Description of Modifications



- Includes a detailed description of each planned modification to an ML-DSF
  - All modifications included in a PCCP should maintain the device within the device’s Indications for Use (IFU) statement
- Describes changes to device characteristics and performance resulting from implementation of modifications
  - Draws a “range of FDA-authorized specifications” around initial device characteristics and performance
- FDA recommends that a PCCP include only a limited number of modifications that are specific, and that can be verified and validated

# Recommendations for Modification Descriptions

- Identify specific modifications that can be verified and validated
- Present modifications at a level of detail that permits understanding of specific changes that will be made to the ML-DSF
- Link each modification to a specific performance evaluation activity within the Modification Protocol
- State whether planned modifications will be implemented manually or automatically
- Specify if proposed modifications will be implemented globally or locally
  - For planned local adaptations, describe what local factors or conditions warrant a local change

# Modifications Appropriate for a PCCP

- Modifications should maintain or improve the safety or effectiveness of the device
- Modifications should be able to be verified and validated within existing quality system of device
- Modifications should **maintain the device within the device's Indications for Use (IFU)** statement
- Not all modifications may be appropriate for inclusion within a PCCP

# Types of Modifications for a PCCP

- Modifications related to quantitative measures of ML-DSF performance specifications
  - Example: Improvements to analytical and clinical performance resulting from re-training the ML model based on new data within the intended use population from the same type and range of input signal
  
- Modifications related to device inputs to the ML-DSF
  - Example: Expanding algorithm to include new sources of same signal type (such as different makes, models, or versions of a data acquisition system) or limited modifications related to new types of inputs
  
- Limited modifications related to device's use and performance
  - Example: Authorization of a device for specific subset of a population within originally indicated population based on re-training on a larger data set for that subpopulation not previously available

Description of  
Modifications

# Modification Protocol

Impact  
Assessment

PCCP

**“How” the algorithm will learn/change while remaining safe and effective**

# Modification Protocol

- Methods described in Modification Protocol should be **consistent with and support** modifications outlined in Description of Modifications
- Four primary components of a Modification Protocol:
  - (1) data management practices,
  - (2) re-training practices,
  - (3) performance evaluation protocols, and
  - (4) update procedures, including communication and transparency to users and real-world monitoring plans
- Include description of how proposed methods are similar to, or are different from, methods used elsewhere in marketing submission

# Elements of a Modification Protocol

## (1) Data Management

- Collection Protocols
- Assurance of Data Quality
- Reference Standard Determination
- Sequestration of Data Sets

## (2) Re-Training

- Re-training Objectives and Focus
- Re-training Implementation

## (3) Performance Evaluation

- Triggers to Initiate Performance Evaluation
- Assessment Metrics and Elements
- Statistical Analysis Plans
- Performance Targets
- Additional Testing Needs

## (4) Update Procedures

- Software Verification and Validation
- Update Implementation (When/How)
- Communication and Transparency to Users
- Device Monitoring Plan

# Traceability between Modification Protocol and Description of Modifications

PCCP should clearly delineate which parts of Modification Protocol are applicable to each modification within Description of Modifications

	Modification Protocol Component			
Modification	Data management practices	Re-training practices	Performance evaluation	Update procedures
Modification #1	Method A (see Section X.A)	Method D (see Section X.D)	Method G (see Section X.G)	Method J (see Section X.J)
Modification #2	Method A (see Section X.A)	Method E (see Section X.E)	Method H (see Section X.H)	Method J (see Section X.J)
Modification #3	Method B (see Section X.B)	Method F (see Section X.F)	Method I (see Section X.I)	Method J (see Section X.J)

Table 1. Example of Description of Modifications to Modification Protocol Traceability Table



**Description of  
Modifications**

**Modification  
Protocol**

**Describes modifications' benefits and risks, and  
how risks are mitigated**

# Impact Assessment

# Impact Assessment

Documentation for an Impact Assessment provided to the Agency in a marketing submission containing a PCCP should:

1

Compare version of device with each modification implemented to version of device without any modifications implemented

2

Discuss benefits and risks of each individual modification

3

Discuss how activities proposed within Modification Protocol continue to reasonably ensure safety and effectiveness of device

4

Discuss how implementation of one modification impacts implementation of another

5

Discuss collective impact of implementing all modifications

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# Examples

# Example

Device

*Proposed Modifications*

*Post-Authorization Scenarios*

## **Skin Lesion Analysis Software w/ Authorized PCCP**

Device is an ML-DSF that analyzes images of skin lesions by identifying and characterizing its features (for example, color, quantification of area change over time) to aid in diagnosis.

Device was validated with a specific camera and is intended to be used by a primary healthcare provider.

# Example

*Device*

**Proposed Modifications**

*Post-Authorization Scenarios*

## **Skin Lesion Analysis Software w/ Authorized PCCP**

Manufacturer would like to extend ML-DSF for use on additional general-purpose computing platforms, including smartphones and tablets.

General-purpose computing platform must include a two-dimensional camera that meets the minimum specifications defined in the PCCP.

Updated device must achieve a minimum performance defined in Modification Protocol using a specified methodology.

# Example

*Device*

*Proposed Modifications*

**Post-Authorization Scenarios**

## **Modification Scenario 1**

Modification in input, as specified in PCCP and implemented in accordance with PCCP

## **Modification Scenario 2**

Modification in input that was not specified in PCCP

## **Modification Scenario 3**

Modification related to device's use and performance, which was not specified in PCCP

# Modification Scenario 1

## Modification Scenario

**Modification in input, as specified in the PCCP and implemented in accordance with the PCCP**

- Analytical validation demonstrated the ML-DSF can be deployed on two additional smartphones that meet the minimum specifications provided in the PCCP. The analytical performance using the new image acquisition systems was found to be statistically equivalent to the baseline performance
- Labeling was updated to reflect new ML-DSF compatibility with additional smartphones and communication updates on device compatibility were also provided

**Because the device modification was specified in PCCP, and it was implemented in conformance with PCCP, device modification would not require a new marketing submission**

Manufacturer should document modification that was specified in PCCP in accordance with their quality system



# Modification Scenario 2

## Modification Scenario

### Modification in input that was not specified in PCCP

- Manufacturer would like to deploy a modified ML model that uses images captured by a thermographic camera
- However, new camera technology was not specified in PCCP

**Because this modification was not included in PCCP, and it could significantly affect safety or effectiveness of the device a new marketing submission would be required**

# Modification Scenario 3

## Modification Scenario

**Modification related to the device's use and performance, which was not specified in the PCCP**

- Manufacturer would like to distribute a new version of the ML-DSF that is patient-facing
- ML-DSF would provide an analysis of physiological characteristics of skin lesions, as it does currently, and direct patients to follow-up with a dermatologist based on the preliminary analysis of the malignancy of the skin lesion
- Modification introduces many new, unconsidered risks, given that the modified ML-DSF will be patient-facing

**Because this modification was not included in PCCP, and it could significantly affect safety or effectiveness of the device a new marketing submission would be required**

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## This Draft Guidance:



- ✓ Describes FDA’s proposed approach to ML-DSFs to support their iterative development and improvement over time
- ✓ Builds on the Agency’s longstanding commitment to developing innovative approaches to ensuring safe and effective digital health technologies are available to patients
- ✓ Includes proposed recommendations on information to be included in a PCCP provided as part of a marketing submission for an ML-DSF
- ✓ Specifies that modifications made to an ML-DSF in accordance with an authorized PCCP can be implemented to the ML-DSF without a new marketing submission
- ✓ Includes details on the proposed recommended content of these sections, and additional examples are provided in appendices

# Resources



Slide Number	Cited Resource	URL
25	Deciding When to Submit a 510(k) for a Software Change to an Existing Device	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/deciding-when-submit-510k-software-change-existing-device">www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/deciding-when-submit-510k-software-change-existing-device</a>
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25	Modifications to Devices Subject to Premarket Approval (PMA)	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/modifications-devices-subject-premarket-approval-pma-pma-supplement-decision-making-process">www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/modifications-devices-subject-premarket-approval-pma-pma-supplement-decision-making-process</a>
37	21 CFR 807.81(a)(3)	<a href="http://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-21/chapter-I/subchapter-H/part-807/subpart-E/section-807.81#p-807.81(a)(3)">www.ecfr.gov/current/title-21/chapter-I/subchapter-H/part-807/subpart-E/section-807.81#p-807.81(a)(3)</a>
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- You may comment on any guidance at any time
  - see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)
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  - to ensure that FDA considers your comment on a draft guidance before we work on final guidance

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