

# Breakthrough Devices Program

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# Learning Objectives

- Provide an overview of the Breakthrough Devices Program
- Review the criteria for Breakthrough Device designation
- Describe program features

# Breakthrough Devices Program

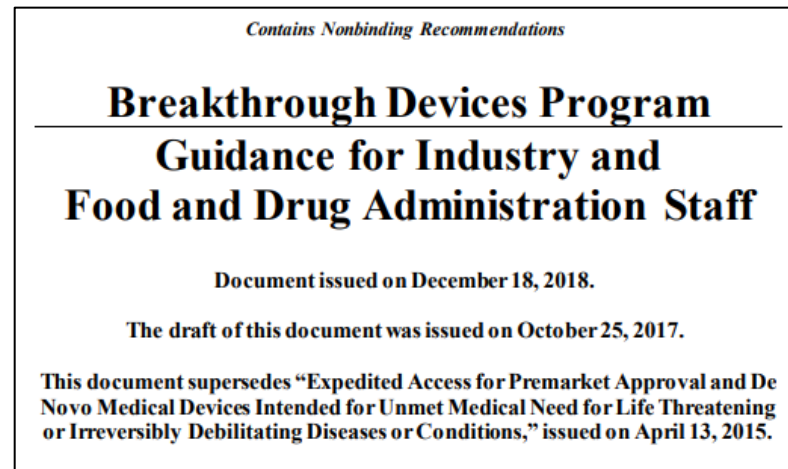
- Intended to provide patients and health care providers with timely access to devices that provide for more effective treatment or diagnosis of life-threatening or irreversibly debilitating diseases or conditions
- Expedites the development, assessment, and review of certain devices that meet the program eligibility criteria

# Principles & Benefits

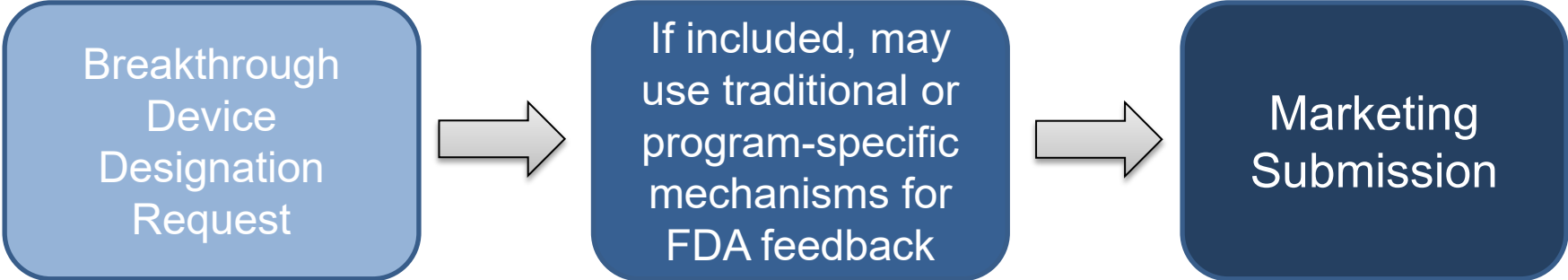
- Interactive and timely communication
- Prioritized review of marketing application
- Enhanced opportunity for pre/post-market balance
- Efficient and flexible clinical study design
- Expedited review of preapproval manufacturing and quality systems compliance
- Preserves the statutory standards for marketing authorization

# Regulatory Context

- Program is statutorily mandated under Section 515B of the FD&C Act
- Guidance describes implementation
- Participation is voluntary for sponsors



# Program Overview



For devices granted Breakthrough Device designation:

- Designation tracks with the device for subsequent submissions
- Prioritized review and other benefits

# Breakthrough Device Designation Criteria

# Eligibility Considerations

- Medical devices and device-led combination products
- Subject to future marketing authorization via Premarket Approval (PMA), De Novo, or 510(k)
- Meets the Breakthrough criteria specified in Section 515B(b) of the FD&C Act
  - Must fully meet Breakthrough Device Criterion 1 AND one of the sub-parts of Breakthrough Device Criterion 2



# Breakthrough Device Criterion #1

**Criterion 1:** provide for more effective treatment or diagnosis of life-threatening or irreversibly debilitating human disease or conditions;



# Considerations for “more effective”

- Sponsor should demonstrate a *reasonable expectation* that the device could provide for more effective treatment or diagnosis of the disease or condition identified in the proposed indications for use
  - Technical success: the device could function as intended
  - Clinical Success: a functioning device could more effectively treat or diagnose the identified disease or condition
  
- Mechanisms for demonstrating a reasonable expectation of technical and clinical success could include literature or preliminary data (bench, animal, or clinical)

# Considerations for disease/condition

- Life-threatening: a disease or condition for which the likelihood of death is high unless the course of the disease is interrupted in a population or subpopulation
  - Examples: primary and metastatic bone tumors
- Irreversibly Debilitating: impact on such factors as survival, day-to-day functioning, and the likelihood that the disease or condition, if left untreated, will progress to a more serious disease or condition
  - Examples: osteoarthritis, degenerative spinal conditions

# Breakthrough Device Criterion #2

Meets **one** of the following sub-parts in **Criterion 2**:

- 2A: that represent breakthrough technologies; or
- 2B: for which no approved or cleared alternatives exist; or
- 2C: that offer significant advantages over existing approved or cleared alternatives; or
- 2D: the availability of which is in the best interest of patients.

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- Example features that sponsors can pursue:
  - Data Development Plan
    - Optional map of development process from entry into program until marketing submission & post-market activities as necessary
  - Sprint Discussion
    - Highly interactive process to facilitate reaching rapid agreement on a single development issue
  - Regular Status Updates
    - In between submissions, no feedback expectations
    - Useful for planning purposes

# Marketing Submission

- For devices seeking Breakthrough Device designation, a request must be requested prior to marketing submission
- Program principles and benefits applied to marketing submission
  - Interactive and timely communication
  - Priority review
  - Senior management engagement
  - Pre/post-market balance when appropriate
- Statutory standard for marketing does not change

# Summary

- The Breakthrough Devices Program is intended to provide patients and health care providers with timely access to breakthrough devices.
- Devices are designated by meeting the statutory criteria.
- Designated Breakthrough Devices can benefit from program features intended to expedite the development, assessment, and review of these devices.



# Questions?

