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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda: The committee will discuss biologics license application (BLA) 761057, for sirukumab injection (proposed trade name PLIVENSIA), submitted by Janssen Biotech, Inc., for the treatment of adult patients with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis who have had an inadequate response or are intolerant to one or more disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs. The discussion will include dose selection, efficacy, radiographic progression study, and safety.

FDA intends to make background material available to the public no later than 2 business days before the meeting. If FDA is unable to post the background material on its Web site prior to the meeting, the background material will be made publicly available at the location of the advisory committee meeting, and the background material will be posted on FDA’s Web site after the meeting. Background material is available at <https://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/Calendar/default.htm>. Scroll down to the appropriate advisory committee meeting link.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. All electronic and written submissions must be submitted on or before August 1, 2017. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Those individuals interested in making formal oral presentations should notify the contact person and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation on or before July 11, 2017. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. If the number of registrants requesting to speak is greater than can be reasonably

accommodated during the scheduled open public hearing session, FDA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers for the scheduled open public hearing session. The contact person will notify interested persons regarding their request to speak by July 12, 2017.

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Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: June 20, 2017.

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Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Planning, Legislation, and Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Low-Income Levels Used for Various Health Professions and Nursing Programs Authorized in Titles III, VII, and VIII of the Public Health Service Act

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HRSA is updating income levels used to identify a “low-income family” for the purpose of determining eligibility for programs that provide health professions and nursing training to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. These various programs are authorized in Titles III, VII, and VIII of the Public Health Service Act.

HHS periodically publishes in the **Federal Register** low-income levels to be used by institutions receiving federal grants and cooperative agreements to

determine eligibility for programs providing training for (1) disadvantaged individuals, (2) individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, or (3) individuals from low-income families.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Many health professions and nursing grant and cooperative agreement awardees use these low-income levels to determine whether potential program participants are from an economically-disadvantaged background and would be eligible to participate in the program, as well as to determine the amount of funding the individual receives. Awards are generally made to accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, public health, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, allied health, podiatric medicine, nursing, and chiropractic; public or private nonprofit schools which offer graduate programs in behavioral health and mental health practice; and other public or private nonprofit health or education entities to assist the disadvantaged to enter and graduate from health professions and nursing schools. Some programs provide for the repayment of health professions or nursing education loans for disadvantaged students.

A “low-income family/household” for programs included in Titles III, VII, and VIII of the Public Health Service Act is defined as having an annual income that does not exceed 200 percent of the Department’s poverty guidelines. A family is a group of two or more individuals related by birth, marriage, or adoption who live together.

Most HRSA programs use the income of a student’s parent(s) to compute low-income status. However, a “household” may potentially be only one person. Other HRSA programs, depending upon the legislative intent of the program, the programmatic purpose related to income level, as well as the age and circumstances of the participant, will apply these low-income standards to the individual student to determine eligibility, as long as he or she is not listed as a dependent on the tax form of his or her parent(s). Each program announces the rationale and choice of methodology for determining low-income levels in program guidance.

Low-income levels are adjusted annually based on HHS’s poverty guidelines. HHS’s poverty guidelines are based on poverty thresholds published by the U.S. Census Bureau, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index. The income figures below have been updated to reflect HHS’s 2017 poverty guidelines as published in 82 FR 8831 (January 31, 2017).

LOW-INCOME LEVELS BASED ON THE 2017 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Persons in family/household*	Income level**
1	\$24,120
2	32,480
3	40,840
4	49,200
5	57,560
6	65,920
7	74,280
8	82,640

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$8,360 for each additional person.

LOW-INCOME LEVELS BASED ON THE 2017 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR ALASKA

Persons in family/household*	Income level**
1	\$30,120
2	40,580
3	51,040
4	61,500
5	71,960
6	82,420
7	92,880
8	103,340

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$10,460 for each additional person.

LOW-INCOME LEVELS BASED ON THE 2017 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR HAWAII

Persons in family/household*	Income level**
1	\$27,720
2	37,340
3	46,960
4	56,580
5	66,200
6	75,820
7	85,440
8	95,060

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$9,620 for each additional person.

*Includes only dependents listed on federal income tax forms.

** Adjusted gross income for calendar year 2016.

Separate poverty guidelines figures for Alaska and Hawaii reflect Office of Economic Opportunity administrative practice beginning in the 1966–1970 period since the U.S. Census Bureau poverty thresholds do not have separate figures for Alaska and Hawaii. The poverty guidelines are not defined for Puerto Rico and other outlying jurisdictions. Puerto Rico and other outlying jurisdictions must use the low-income levels table for the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia.

Dated: June 16, 2017.

George Sigounas,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Lists of Designated Primary Medical Care, Mental Health, and Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the availability of the complete lists of all geographic areas, population groups, and facilities designated as primary medical care, mental health, and dental health professional shortage areas (HPSAs) as of May 1, 2017. The lists are available on HRSA’s HPSAFind Web site.

ADDRESSES: The complete lists of HPSAs designated as of May 1, 2017, are available on the HPSAFind Web site at <https://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/tools/analyzers/hpsafind.aspx>. Frequently updated information on HPSAs is available at <http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov>. Information on shortage designations is available at <https://bhwh.hrsa.gov/shortage-designation>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the HPSA designations listed on the HPSAFind Web site or to request an additional designation, withdrawal, or reapplication for designation, please contact Melissa Ryan, Operations Director, Division of Policy and Shortage Designation, Bureau of Health Workforce, HRSA, 11SWH03, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, (301) 594–5168 or MRyan@hrsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 332 of the Public Health Services (PHS) Act, 42 U.S.C. 254e, provides that the Secretary shall designate HPSAs based on criteria established by regulation. HPSAs are defined in section 332 to include (1) urban and rural geographic areas with shortages of health professionals, (2) population groups with such shortages, and (3) facilities with such shortages. Section 332 further requires that the