



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration  
Silver Spring MD 20993

NDA 20552/S-006

**SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL**

Pfizer, Incorporated  
Attention: Kathleen Collins  
Manager, Worldwide Regulatory Strategy  
235 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10017-5755

Dear Ms. Collins:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated November 16, 2009, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Covera HS (verapamil hydrochloride) 180 mg and 240 mg Extended Release Tablets.

This supplemental new drug application provides for the following revisions to the **PRECAUTIONS** section of the package insert, as we requested in our letter dated September 9, 2009:

Under **PRECAUTIONS, Drug Interactions:**

*Clonidine*

Sinus bradycardia resulting in hospitalization and pacemaker insertion has been reported in association with the use of clonidine concurrently with verapamil. Monitor heart rate in patients receiving concomitant verapamil and clonidine.

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

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, please submit the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)(1)(i)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format as described at <http://www.fda.gov/oc/datacouncil/spl.html> that is identical to, except for including the revisions indicated above and in the enclosed labeling text for the package insert. These revisions are terms of the NDA approval. For administrative purposes, please designate this submission, "**SPL for approved NDA 20552/S-006.**"

**PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS**

All promotional materials for your drug product that include representations about your drug product must be promptly revised to make it consistent with the labeling changes approved in this supplement, including any new safety information [21 CFR 314.70(a)(4)]. The revisions to your promotional materials should include prominent disclosure of the important new safety information that appears in the revised package labeling. Within 7 days of receipt of this letter, submit your statement of intent to comply with 21 CFR 314.70(a)(4) to the following address or by facsimile at 301-847-8444:

Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications  
5901-B Ammendale Road  
Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

In addition, as required under 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3)(i), you must submit your updated final promotional materials, and the package insert(s), at the time of initial dissemination or publication, accompanied by a Form FDA-2253, directly to the above address. For instruction on completing the Form FDA 2253, see page 2 of the Form. For more information about submission of promotional materials to the Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (DDMAC), see <http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/CDER/ucm090142.htm>.

### **LETTERS TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

If you issue a letter communicating important safety related information about this drug product (*i.e.*, a “Dear Health Care Professional” letter), we request that you submit an electronic copy of the letter to both this NDA and to the following address:

MedWatch  
Food and Drug Administration  
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 12B05  
Rockville, MD 20857

### **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, please call:

Lori Wachter, RN, BSN  
Regulatory Project Manager  
(301) 796-3975

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

Mary Ross Southworth, Pharm.D.  
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Division of Cardiovascular and Renal Products  
Office of Drug Evaluation I  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

Enclosure:  
Agreed-upon labeling text

Application Type/Number	Submission Type/Number	Submitter Name	Product Name
NDA-20552	SUPPL-6	GD SEARLE LLC	COVERA - HS (VERAPAMIL HCL) TABLETS

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MARY R SOUTHWORTH  
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