

**Section 1.3****Summary of Safety and Effectiveness****REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

Safe Medical Devices Act of 1990, 21 CFR 807.92

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**NAME OF DEVICE**

**Trade Name:** Health Buddy® Appliance  
**Common Name:** Data Management System; Accessory to Medical Device  
**Classification Names:** Refer to Table

Regulation Number	Product Code	Classification Name	Device Class
870.2910	DRG	Physiological Signal Transmitters and Receivers	II
862.1345	CGA	Glucose Test System	II
870.1130	DXN	Noninvasive Blood Pressure Measurement System	II
880.2700	FRI	Patient Weight Scale	I
868.1860	BZH	Meter, Peak Flow, Spirometry	II

## **PREDICATE DEVICES**

- Health Buddy® with Device Connectivity (#K042273, #K040086)
- Health Buddy® with Buddylink (#K993128)
- CareMatix Wellness System (#K040966)
- Viterion 100 TeleHealth Monitor (#K030419)

## **DEVICE DESCRIPTION**

The Health Buddy appliance is a communications product that connects to a telephone line. It is used by patients in conjunction with the Health Hero Online service to answer questions and furnish information to their healthcare professional(s) between office visits. The Health Buddy appliance contains software that can be activated to function with specific medical devices (including blood glucose meters, non-invasive blood pressure cuffs, patient weight scales and peak flow meters). The Health Buddy appliance retrieves data from a specific medical device and stores it for transmission to a healthcare provider. The physiologic patient parameters available for retrospective display and evaluation include blood pressure, blood glucose level, weight, and Peak Expiratory Flow (PEF) and FEV1 (forced expiratory volume) measurements. In this submission, software changes are made to support hardware replacement to components no longer available in the Health Buddy. In addition, the operating system has changed. The Health Buddy device has data ports that allow it to download readings from identified attached devices, activated only upon appropriate patient enrollment.

The Health Buddy appliance is a simple, user-friendly device that connects to the patient's standard home telephone line. The device connects to a Data Center via a toll-free number to send patient responses from the previous day and to retrieve the current day's dialogue.

The screen displays the information or questions about vital signs, symptoms and behaviors sent by the patient's healthcare provider, and allows the patient to respond via four large buttons. The Health Buddy will respond to the patient's answers with education, reinforcement and messages that prompt patient action. The patient information is sent to the patient's health care provider.

## **INDICATION FOR USE STATEMENT**

Health Buddy® Appliance is indicated for use in non-clinical settings to collect and transmit historical data to healthcare professionals to help support effective management of their patients.

The Health Buddy® is an accessory device, intended to be a communication tool to enable healthcare providers to receive historical patient information. The product is used in conjunction with Health Hero Network's Online Service, a communication tool to enable health care providers to educate, motivate, and receive patient information. Health Buddy Appliance is not intended to provide automated treatment decisions, nor is it to be used as a substitute for a professional healthcare judgment. All patient medical diagnosis and treatment are to be performed under the supervision and oversight of an appropriate healthcare professional.

**SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCE COMPARISON**

This submission represents a modification to the mechanicals and software in the Health Buddy® Appliance, and is therefore substantially equivalent to the cleared Health Buddy appliance (#K042273, #K040086 and #K993128). The device is also substantially equivalent to the Viterion 100 TeleHealth Monitor (#K030419), as well as the CareMatix Wellness System (#K040966).

**CONCLUSION**

The Health Buddy Appliance is substantially equivalent in technology, features, and indications for use to devices cleared under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Therefore, safety and effectiveness are reasonably assured, justifying 510(k) clearance of this modified device.



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Re: K050567

Trade Name: Health Buddy® Appliance  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 870.2910  
Regulation Name: Radiofrequency Physiological Signal Transmitter and Receiver  
Regulatory Class: II (two)  
Product Code: DRG  
Dated: February 28, 2005  
Received: March 04, 2005

Dear Mr. Bush:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

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Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050. This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801), please contact the Office of Compliance at (240) 276-0120. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). You may obtain other general information on your responsibilities under the Act from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html>

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure

### Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known):           #K050567          

Device Name:           Health Buddy® Appliance          

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Prescription Use   XXX    
(Part 21 CFR 801 Subpart D)

AND/OR

Over-The-Counter Use             
(21 CFR 807 Subpart C)

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

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(Division Sign-Off)  
Division of Cardiovascular Devices

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