



BLA 761049/S-026

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

EMD Serono, Inc.
Attention: Abidemi Alli, BSc, MBA
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Dear Abidemi Alli:

Please refer to your supplemental biologics license application (sBLA) received August 3, 2026, submitted under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for Bavencio (avelumab) injection.

We also refer to our letter dated July 8, 2026, notifying you, under Section 505(o)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA), of new safety information that we have determined should be included in the labeling for immune checkpoint inhibitors. This information pertains to the serious risk of Myocarditis-Myositis-Myasthenia Gravis Overlap Syndrome.

This sBLA provides for revisions to the labeling for Bavencio (avelumab) consistent with our July 8, 2026, Safety Labeling Change Notification letter.

APPROVAL & LABELING

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 with a minor editorial revision listed below and reflected in the enclosed labeling.

The revised date was updated to 08/2026.

CONTENT OF LABELING

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit, via the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), the content of labeling [21 CFR 601.14(b)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format, as described at FDA.gov,¹ that is identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the Prescribing Information) and include the labeling changes proposed in any pending “Changes Being Effectuated” (CBE) supplements.

¹ <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>

Information on submitting SPL files using eLIST may be found in guidance for industry *SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As*.²

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications that include labeling changes for this BLA, including pending “Changes Being Effected” (CBE) supplements, for which FDA has not yet issued an action letter, with the content of labeling [21 CFR 601.12(f)] in Microsoft Word format that includes the changes approved in this supplemental application, as well as annual reportable changes. To facilitate review of your submission(s), provide a highlighted or marked-up copy that shows all changes, as well as a clean Microsoft Word version. The marked-up copy should provide appropriate annotations, including supplement number(s) and annual report date(s).

REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS

Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) (21 U.S.C. 355c), all applications for new active ingredients (which includes new salts and new fixed combinations), new indications, new dosage forms, new dosing regimens, or new routes of administration are required to contain an assessment of the safety and effectiveness of the product for the claimed indication(s) in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

Because none of these criteria apply to your supplement application, you are exempt from this requirement.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. For information about submitting promotional materials, see guidance for industry *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic and Non-Electronic Format-Promotional Labeling and Advertising Materials for Human Prescription Drugs*.

You must submit final promotional materials and Prescribing Information, accompanied by a Form FDA 2253, at the time of initial dissemination or publication [21 CFR 601.12(f)(4)]. Form FDA 2253 is available at FDA.gov.³ Information and Instructions for completing the form can be found at FDA.gov.⁴

² We update guidances periodically. For the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA Guidance Documents Database <https://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm>.

³ <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM083570.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM375154.pdf>

All promotional materials that include representations about your drug product must be promptly revised to be consistent with the labeling changes approved in this supplement, including any new safety-related information [21 CFR 601.12(f)(4)]. The revisions in your promotional materials should include prominent disclosure of the important new safety-related information that appears in the revised labeling. Within 7 days of receipt of this letter, submit your statement of intent to comply with 21 CFR 601.12(f)(4).

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved BLA (in 21 CFR 600.80 and in 21 CFR 600.81).

If you have any questions, contact Stacie Woods, Safety Regulatory Project Manager, at 301-796-4803 or Stacie.woods@fda.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURE:

- Content of Labeling
 - Prescribing Information

This is a representation of an electronic record that was signed electronically. Following this are manifestations of any and all electronic signatures for this electronic record.

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