



FDA Proposes Financial Conflict of Interest Requirements for Advisory Committee Members

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced new proposed “guidance” that would implement stricter financial conflict of interest requirements for members of its advisory committees and for eligibility for meeting participation. According to FDA, “only individuals with no potential conflicts would be eligible to fully participate in meetings as voting members. If an individual has disqualifying financial interests whose combined value exceeds \$50,000, after applying certain exemptions, the person would generally not be considered for participation in the meeting, regardless of the need for his or her expertise. If the financial interests are \$50,000 or less, after applying certain exemptions, the individual might be recommended to participate as a non-voting member. “Comments are being accepted for 60 days. Link: www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2007/NEW01591.html