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## **Statement by NHC President Myrl Weinberg on FDA's MDUFMA Recommendations**

WASHINGTON, April 17 — Following is a statement by National Health Council (NHC) President Myrl Weinberg regarding the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) recommendations for reauthorization of the Medical Device User Fee And Modernization Act (MDUFMA):

"The National Health Council applauds FDA's recommendations for reauthorization of MDUFMA."

"Medical technology innovations ensure life-saving treatments and diagnoses are available to people with chronic diseases and disabilities. The Council therefore supports legislation that does not unintentionally delay or restrict access to these innovations — but still maintains a proper balance between benefit and risk."

"We also praise the FDA for its new online publication of active post-approval device studies. This transparency is another important way to help patients make informed decisions about their health care."

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