



A Better Way to Regulate Homeopathy

Homeopathy consumer organization petitions FDA for rules that actually protect consumer interests

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A leading organization of homeopathy consumers has petitioned the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to adopt a set of rules governing homeopathic medicines that do a far better job of protecting consumer interests than the agency's proposed rules released for comment late last year.

The FDA's [proposed rules](#), called "draft guidance," would create an enforcement regime that fails to distinguish between properly manufactured and labeled homeopathic medicines, which are inherently safe, and those which are improperly labeled and which do not meet homeopathic standards.

If adopted, this guidance could lead to the removal of many popular homeopathic medicines from the market. The FDA would be abandoning decades of practice and policy that treat homeopathic medicines as unique drugs requiring a unique approach to regulation. It is ironic that the FDA's actions would reduce consumer access to homeopathy—the *safest* category of drugs it regulates—and thereby force consumers to turn to pharmaceuticals which have significantly higher risks.

A Citizens' Petition submitted under the federal Administrative Procedure Act by Americans for Homeopathy Choice requests that the FDA revise its draft guidance. The petition outlines clear guidelines for protecting consumers from improperly manufactured and/or labeled products. It also asks for assurances of continuing access to the full range of nontoxic, affordable and safe homeopathic medicines on the market today. In addition, it seeks clear regulations for manufacturers that tell them what they should do in order to adhere to the law and meet the FDA's expectations for quality and purity. Right now, the FDA's proposed guidance provides no clear guidelines and so manufacturers are in the dark about the FDA's expectations.

The organizations listed below believe the role that homeopathy plays in the future of America is at stake and support the Citizens' Petition submitted by Americans for Homeopathy Choice. We urge the FDA to adopt clear, sensible and appropriate standards to avoid confusion and the loss of access to medicines important to the health of millions of Americans.

The full text of the petition is available [here](#). Those wishing to submit comments to the FDA may do so by clicking on the "Comment Now!" button.

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