

# Biosimilar Benefits for Patients

- Biosimilar drugs are FDA-approved, safe and effective medicines that are highly similar to existing biologic medicines.<sup>1</sup>
- The FDA regulates biosimilar manufacturing to ensure the biosimilar drugs are safe and effective, showing no clinically meaningful differences from the originator products.<sup>1</sup>
- Biosimilars are dosed and taken the same way as their biologic reference product.<sup>1</sup>



## Increased Access for Patients

- Introduction and development of biosimilars provides additional treatment options for patients and doctors at a lower cost.
- These savings may facilitate increased access to new biologics and biosimilars, resulting in superior health outcomes.
- Competition may increase in the healthcare market.<sup>2</sup>



## Reduction in Healthcare Costs

- As biosimilar availability increases, healthcare providers may be able to acquire biosimilars at a reduced wholesale cost.
- Increased availability may reduce out-of-pocket costs for patients with co-insurance and copayments.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> US Food and Drug Administration. Scientific Considerations in Demonstrating Biosimilarity. URL: <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/scientific-considerations-demonstrating-biosimilarity-reference-product>

<sup>2</sup> Patient Materials: Biosimilars are safe and effective medications for treating many illnesses such as arthritis and cancer. URL: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/biosimilars/patient-materials>