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Merck Receives Positive EU CHMP Opinion to Expand Marketing Authorization for ENFLONSIA® (clesrovimab) to Include Children Up to 24 Months of Age Who Remain Vulnerable to Severe RSV Disease Through Their Second RSV Season

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Some children up to 24 months of age remain vulnerable to severe RSV in their second RSV season – underscoring the importance of preventive options for this at-risk population

RAHWAY, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Merck (NYSE: MRK), known as MSD outside of the United States and Canada, announced today that the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) adopted a positive opinion recommending the approval of an expanded indication for ENFLONSIA® (clesrovimab) to include prevention of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) lower respiratory tract disease (LRTD) in children up to 24 months of age at increased risk for severe RSV disease through their second RSV season. The CHMP recommendation will now be reviewed by the European Commission (EC) for marketing authorization in the European Union (EU), Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, and a final decision is expected in the next two months.

ENFLONSIA was first **approved by the U.S. FDA** in June 2025 and by the **European Commission** in April 2026 for the prevention of RSV LRTD in infants born during or entering their first RSV season. ENFLONSIA is the first and only preventive option against RSV LRTD administered to infants without the need for weight-based dosing. As previously announced, the FDA **accepted** a supplemental Biologics License Application (sBLA) for ENFLONSIA to expand its indication to include prevention of RSV LRTD in children under two years of age at increased risk for severe RSV disease through their second RSV season and set a Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA), or target

action, date of March 22, 2027.

"For some children, the risk of severe RSV does not end after their first RSV season and they remain at increased risk for serious cases of RSV-related bronchiolitis or pneumonia that can require hospitalization," said Dr. Macaya Douoguih, vice president, Therapeutic Area Head, Global Clinical Development, Merck Research Laboratories. "The positive CHMP opinion is an important step toward bringing ENFLONSIA to children in the European Union who remain at increased risk, helping protect them during their second RSV season."

Certain children, including those born with chronic lung disease, congenital heart disease, or early or moderately preterm birth with certain risk conditions, remain vulnerable to severe RSV disease during their second RSV season.

The CHMP opinion is supported by results from the **Phase 3 SMART trial** (MK-1654-007) (**NCT04938830**), which were **presented** at RSVVW'26, the 9th conference of the Respiratory Syncytial Virus Foundation (ReSViNET), in February 2026, published in the **New England Journal of Medicine** in September 2025 (interim RSV season 1 results) and **JAMA Pediatrics** in July 2026 (full results).

ENFLONSIA is approved in more than 55 countries worldwide, including the **United States**, Canada, China, Japan, and the **European Union**, for use in infants during their first RSV season. Regulatory filings are underway for approval in additional countries globally, as well as for the expansion of the indication to include eligible children under two years of age in the **United States** and countries where ENFLONSIA is already approved.

About the Phase 3 SMART trial

The SMART trial (MK-1654-007) (**NCT04938830**) was a Phase 3, randomized, partially-blind, palivizumab-controlled, multicenter study to evaluate the safety, efficacy and pharmacokinetics of ENFLONSIA in infants and children at increased risk for severe RSV disease over two RSV seasons. The trial enrolled early (<29 weeks gestational age [GA]) or moderate preterm infants (≥29 to ≤35 weeks GA) and infants with chronic lung disease (CLD) of prematurity or congenital heart disease (CHD) of any GA.

In RSV season 1, participants were randomized 1:1 to receive either a 105 mg dose of ENFLONSIA (n=502) or monthly palivizumab (n=501) by intramuscular (IM) injection. In RSV season 2, eligible participants (children under 2 years of age with CLD, CHD or early or moderate preterm birth with certain risk conditions) received an additional open-label 210 mg dose of ENFLONSIA by IM injection (n=276). Nearly all participants (99%) who received ENFLONSIA in RSV season 2 had CLD (n=229) or CHD (n=43).

About RSV globally

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a contagious virus that causes widespread seasonal infections and can lead to serious respiratory conditions such as bronchiolitis and pneumonia. As a leading cause of hospitalization among

infants globally, there is persisting unmet need for RSV preventive options for both healthy and high-risk infants during their first RSV season as well as for children at increased risk for severe RSV disease through their second RSV season. RSV season is the time of year when RSV infections are most common, usually occurring autumn through spring of the next year in temperate climates. Timing and severity in a given community or region can vary year to year.

About ENFLONSIA® (clesrovimab-cfor) in the U.S.

ENFLONSIA is Merck's **FDA-approved** extended half-life monoclonal antibody (mAb) indicated for passive immunization for the prevention of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) lower respiratory tract disease (LRTD) in newborns and infants who are born during or entering their first RSV season. ENFLONSIA is administered using the same dose regardless of weight (105 mg/0.7 mL in a prefilled syringe) and is designed to provide direct, rapid and durable protection through 5 months, a typical RSV season. For infants born during the RSV season, ENFLONSIA is to be administered within the first week of life. For infants born outside of the RSV season, ENFLONSIA should be administered shortly before the RSV season begins. For infants undergoing cardiac surgery with cardiopulmonary bypass during or entering their first RSV season, an additional 105 mg dose is recommended as soon as the infant is stable after surgery. ENFLONSIA has a 30-month shelf life.

Selected Safety Information for ENFLONSIA® (clesrovimab-cfor) in the U.S.

Do not administer ENFLONSIA to infants with a history of serious hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis, to any component of ENFLONSIA.

Serious hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis, have been observed with other human immunoglobulin G1 (IgG1) monoclonal antibodies. If signs or symptoms of a clinically significant hypersensitivity reaction or anaphylaxis occur, initiate appropriate medications and/or supportive therapy.

ENFLONSIA may interfere with some immunologically-based RSV diagnostic assays (i.e., rapid antigen tests) as observed in laboratory studies. Confirmation using a reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) assay is recommended when rapid antigen assay results are negative and clinical observations are consistent with RSV infection.

The most common adverse reactions were injection-site erythema (4.5%), injection-site swelling (3.2%) and rash (2.3%).

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Please see Prescribing Information for ENFLONSIA (clesrovimab-cfor) at **https://www.merck.com/product/usa/pi_circulars/e/enflonsia/enflonsia_pi.pdf** and Patient Information/Medication Guide for ENFLONSIA at **https://www.merck.com/product/usa/pi_circulars/e/enflonsia/enflonsia_ppi.pdf**.

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