

# Colorado's Drug Importation Program



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# Legislative/Regulatory Framework

- Medicare Modernization Act of 2003
- Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) Released December 2019
- Final Rule released September 24. Effective November 30

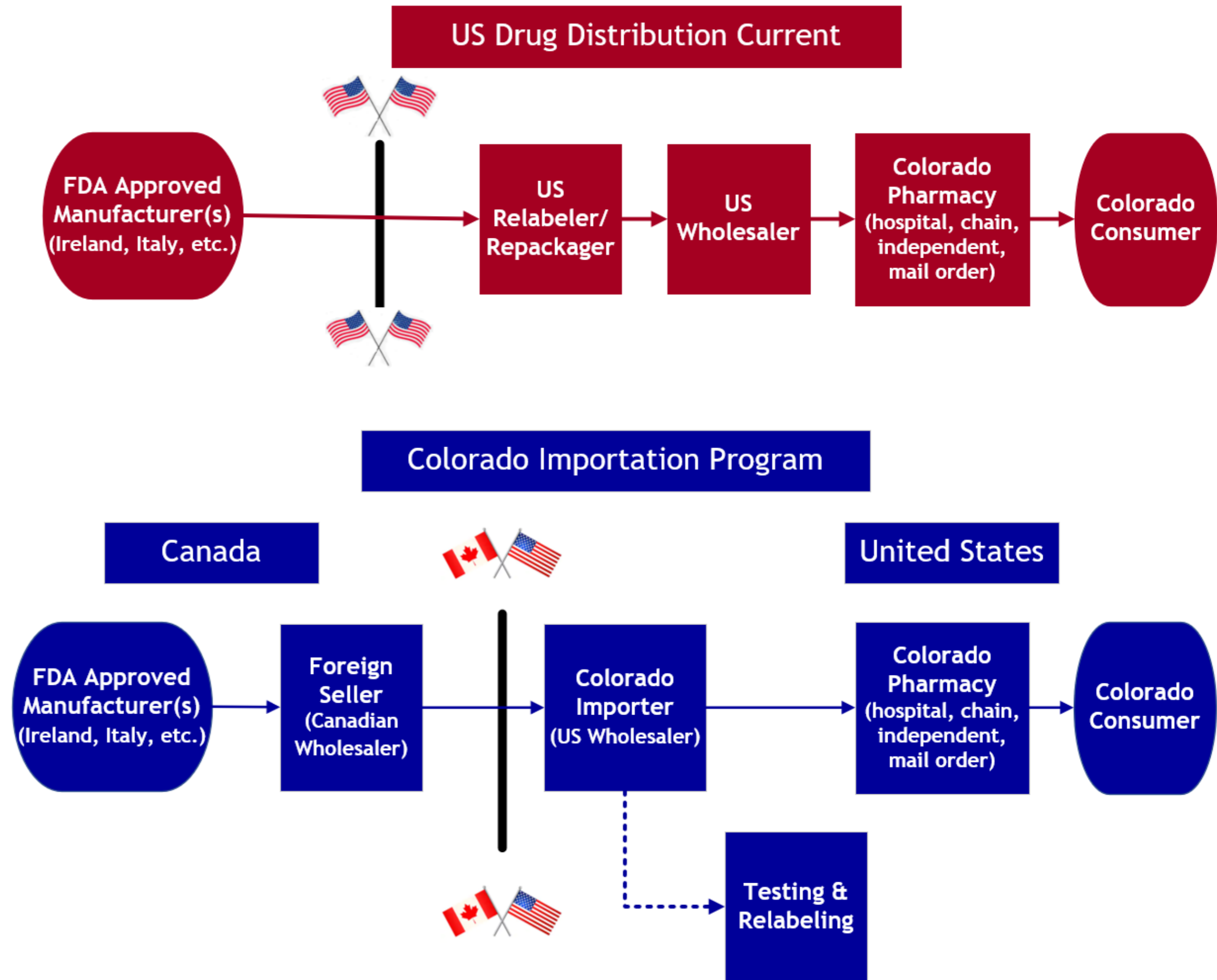
# Features of the Final Rule

- . Supply Chain Requirements
- . Safety and Quality Standards
- . Drugs Eligible for Importation
- . Application Guidelines

# Overview of Colorado's Importation Program

- Focus on the commercial market
- Little to no impact on the state's Medicaid Program
- Estimates a 61% savings on a list of analyzed drugs (includes a markup for the supply chain)
- Current program structure is in line with regulatory framework set forth by the FDA
- Hope to be operational by 2023

# What Will Drug Importation Look Like?



# Considerations for Importation Programs

- Importation programs are operational, as set forth by the federal rule effective November 30
- Imported drugs would present a cheaper option for consumers at the pharmacy counter

- Uncertainty at the federal level
- Canada's Interim Order
- Assessing health plan participation and coverage of imported drugs for consumers



# Questions?