

US delays decision on first drug to prevent HIV

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(AP) - Drugmaker Gilead Sciences Inc. says federal health regulators have delayed a decision on whether to approve its drug Truvada as the first pill that prevents HIV infection.

Gilead Sciences said Friday the Food and [Drug](#) Administration will take an additional three months to review its drug application, after the California company submitted additional materials to the agency earlier this month.

In May, a panel of experts recommended approval of the daily pill Truvada for healthy people who are at high risk of contracting [HIV](#). The group's vote is nonbinding, but the FDA often follows its advice.

Gilead says it submitted updated details on its safety materials for patients and doctors using Truvada. The FDA typically extends its reviews after receiving such information.

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