

## **HLS Therapeutics Reports on U.S. FDA Advisory Committee Recommendation for Vascepa**

TORONTO, Nov. 15, 2019 /CNW/ - HLS Therapeutics Inc. ("HLS" or the "Company") (TSX:HLS), a specialty pharmaceutical company focusing on central nervous system and cardiovascular markets, announces that the Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs Advisory Committee ("EMDAC") of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") yesterday voted unanimously (16-0) that Amarin Corporation plc (NASDAQ: AMRN) provided sufficient evidence of efficacy and safety to support the approval of Vascepa® (icosapent ethyl) capsules for an indication and label expansion to reduce the risk of cardiovascular events in high risk patients based on results from the landmark REDUCE-IT™ cardiovascular outcomes trial.

HLS has in-licensed the exclusive rights to Vascepa for the Canadian market and has filed a New Drug Submission for Vascepa with Health Canada. Health Canada's priority review of Vascepa remains ongoing and Vascepa is not approved in Canada.

### **ABOUT VASCEPA (ICOSAPENT ETHYL) CAPSULES**

Vascepa (icosapent ethyl) is derived from fish through a stringent and complex FDA-regulated manufacturing process designed to effectively eliminate impurities and isolate and protect the single molecule active ingredient from degradation. Amarin has been issued multiple patents internationally based on the unique clinical profile of Vascepa, including the drug's ability to lower triglyceride levels in relevant patient populations without raising LDL-cholesterol levels.

### **ABOUT HLS THERAPEUTICS INC.**

Formed in 2015, HLS is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on the acquisition and commercialization of late stage development, commercial stage promoted and established branded pharmaceutical products in the North American markets. HLS's focus is on products targeting the central nervous system and cardiovascular therapeutic areas. HLS's management team is composed of seasoned pharmaceutical executives with a strong track record of success in these therapeutic areas and at managing products in each of these lifecycle stages. For more information visit: [www.hlstherapeutics.com](http://www.hlstherapeutics.com)

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