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**Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America to Comment on the Recruitment of Ethnically Diverse Populations to Support Clinical Trials**

***The FDA's meeting will discuss progress in implementing their "Action Plan to Enhance the Collection and Availability of Demographic Subgroup Data"***

**Washington, D.C. (February 29, 2016)** - The Asthma and Allergy Foundation (AAFA), America's leading advocacy organization for individuals living with asthma, food allergies and allergic disease, will provide public remarks at a meeting of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) later today to ensure underserved and ethnically diverse patient populations have a voice in the development of new treatments through expanded inclusion in clinical trials.

AAFA's Senior Vice President of Policy, Advocacy and Research, Meryl Bloomrosen, MBI, MBA, shared, "The patient community needs increased research through clinical trials that is better, more effective, relevant and safe. The patient community also needs information that is communicated in ways that are more available, trustworthy, understandable and usable to support daily treatment. AAFA has the ability to support the FDA to build greater awareness, participation and engagement across the patient community, particularly those patients from diverse and underserved populations."

The public meeting, named "FDASIA Section 907: Inclusion of Demographic Subgroups in Clinical Trials," takes place between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the FDA's White Oak Campus in Silver Spring, MD. Ms. Bloomrosen will speak at 3:00 p.m.

- Live webcast streaming of her remarks can be found [here](#).
- A copy of the remarks provided to the FDA can be found [here](#).
- Background information regarding Section 907 of the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act can be found [here](#).

**About AAFA**

Founded in 1953 and celebrating over 60 years of service, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) is the oldest and largest nonprofit patient organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with asthma, allergies and related conditions through education, advocacy and research. AAFA provides practical information, community-based services, support and referrals



through a national network of chapters and educational support groups. Through its Kids With Food Allergies division, AAFA offers the oldest, most extensive online support community for families raising children with food allergies at [community.kidswithfoodallergies.org](http://community.kidswithfoodallergies.org). In addition, AAFA sponsors and advocates for research to advance the basic science relevant to treatment and cure. It also champions translational research so that the science that we have is applied more consistently and reliably. For more information, visit <http://www.aafa.org>.

### **About FDA**

The FDA, an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, protects the public health by assuring the safety, effectiveness, and security of human and veterinary drugs, vaccines and other biological products for human use, and medical devices. The agency also is responsible for the safety and security of our nation's food supply, cosmetics, dietary supplements, products that give off electronic radiation, and for regulating tobacco products.

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