Patients Prefer Full Access to Allergy Medicine Containing Pseudoephedrine

In recent years, there has been a movement in some state legislatures to restrict law-abiding citizen’s access to cold and allergy medicine containing pseudoephedrine (PSE) by making the drug available only with a prescription. A new survey from the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, conducted in January 2015 – in Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee, Oklahoma and Missouri – shows that patients and caregivers are strongly opposed to these proposals. To learn more about the survey, visit www.aafa.org/PSE.

RESPONDENTS WHO EXPERIENCED COLD, COUGH, FLU AND NASAL ALLERGY SYMPTOMS USE NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS TO TREAT THEIR AILMENTS.

Across the five states, 98 percent of respondents with cold, cough and flu purchase non-prescription medication to treat their ailments.

- 99 percent in Illinois
- 98 percent in Indiana
- 97 percent in Tennessee
- 96 percent in Missouri
- 94 percent in Oklahoma

Across the five states, 88 percent of respondents with nasal allergies purchase non-prescription medication to treat their ailments.

- 84 percent in Illinois
- 87 percent in Indiana
- 92 percent in Tennessee
- 89 percent in Missouri
- 93 percent in Oklahoma

KNOWN BRANDS OF MEDICATION THAT HAVE PROVEN EFFECTIVE IN THE PAST TRUMP LOWER COST OPTIONS.

Across the five states, nearly two-thirds of respondents would choose a decongestant based on a trusted brand that has previously worked for them rather than the one with the lower price.

- 65 percent in Illinois
- 70 percent in Indiana
- 67 percent in Tennessee
- 60 percent in Missouri
- 66 percent in Oklahoma

PATIENTS PLACE IMPORTANCE ON THE AVAILABILITY OF MEDICATIONS THEY WANT, EVEN ONES THEY ARE NOT CURRENTLY USING.

Across the five states, 92 percent of respondents want access to all of the medications available to them to purchase at the full-service pharmacy which they shop at.

- 96 percent in Illinois
- 93 percent in Indiana
- 90 percent in Tennessee
- 88 percent in Missouri
- 91 percent in Oklahoma

Across the five states, 84 percent of respondents want access to all of the medications available to them to purchase at the full-service pharmacy which they shop at, even if they are not currently using them.

- 87 percent in Illinois
- 87 percent in Indiana
- 83 percent in Tennessee
- 85 percent in Missouri
- 77 percent in Oklahoma

PATIENTS UNFAVORABLY VIEW GROCERY STORES AND PHARMACIES THAT ARBITRARILY REMOVE MEDICATIONS CONTAINING PSE FROM THEIR SHELVES.

Across the five states, 71 percent of respondents say that they are somewhat or very unfavorably view pharmacies that arbitrarily remove medications containing PSE from their shelves.

- 68 percent in Illinois
- 74 percent in Indiana
- 68 percent in Tennessee
- 74 percent in Missouri
- 76 percent in Oklahoma

Across the five states, 70 percent of respondents say that they are somewhat or very unfavorably view grocery stores that arbitrarily remove medications containing PSE from their shelves.

- 66 percent in Illinois
- 68 percent in Indiana
- 70 percent in Tennessee
- 73 percent in Missouri
- 76 percent in Oklahoma

PATIENTS DO NOT WANT TO GO TO MORE THAN ONE STORE TO PURCHASE THEIR MEDICATION.

Across the five states, 80 percent of respondents say that they would feel somewhat or very unfavorably if they need to travel to more than one retail location to purchase all of their medicine.

- 74 percent in Illinois
- 85 percent in Indiana
- 79 percent in Tennessee
- 86 percent in Missouri
- 85 percent in Oklahoma