

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