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AAFA Contributes to Report Proposing Key Steps to Improving Healthcare Value Assessment

Roundtable Discussion Among Patient Advocacy Constituents Leads to Report on Assessing Value to the Patient presented at a Congressional Briefing

Landover, Md. (June 21, 2016) – The [Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America](#) (AAFA) congratulates the [Partnership to Improve Patient Care](#) (PIPC) on the successful presentation of their “PIPC Roundtable Summary: Assessing Value to the Patient” report during congressional briefings on Capitol Hill yesterday. The report presents a compelling list of tactics policy makers can take to help better align assessments of value with national efforts to make healthcare more patient-centered.

Cary Sennett, MD, PhD, AAFA’s President and CEO and a noted health economist, participated in the PIPC’s expert roundtable that informed this report. He notes, in the report, that efforts to assess value to patients need to look beyond results derived from traditional randomized clinical trials. Those results—though meeting a very high scientific standard—often do not capture many of the things that matter most to patients. This calls for the incorporation of data from other sources—not instead of, but in addition to, data sourced from clinical trials.

2016 has been a year in which AAFA has actively worked to include the voices of the more than 60 million Americans with asthma and allergic disease in frameworks for value assessment. In just the last six months, AAFA has [commented](#) publicly on a value assessment published by the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER), worked with the National Health Council to develop their [rubric for value assessment](#), and participated in the PIPC Roundtable which was the basis for yesterday’s report.

“AAFA is dedicated to working with policy makers, regulators and other stakeholders to ensure that national efforts to improve the value of care begin with the question: what does “value” mean to patients?” said Dr. Sennett. “It is only when we have answered that question that we can hope to create a healthcare system that is truly centered on and around the needs and preferences of patients.”

Dr. Sennett and AAFA’s Policy, Advocacy, and Research team are available to help you with upcoming pieces on healthcare reform, value assessment, patient-centered care, or other stories you might be considering that involve access to guideline-based asthma and allergic disease diagnosis, care, education, self-management and treatment.



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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 exclusive online support community for families raising children with food allergies at 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>.

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