MEDIA ALERT

Allergy and Asthma Patient Protection Act Introduced in Congress

Practicing Allergist Rep. Bob Onder introduces legislation to help allergy patients receive needed care

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. (November18, 2026) – Yesterday, Representative Bob Onder, MD, (R-MO), introduced the Allergy & Asthma Patient Protection (AAPP) Act in the U.S. House of Representatives. The American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (ACAAI) worked with Dr. Onder, a practicing allergist, to develop the bill and protect patients' access to allergy and asthma care.

The bill addresses insurance policies that can delay or interrupt care. If passed, the legislation will help address administrative and reimbursement issues that are unique to the allergy specialty. The bill will safeguard reimbursement for essential services like allergy immunotherapy (allergy shots), reduce administrative burdens, and ensure patients maintain access to preventive allergy and asthma care that improves outcomes and lowers overall health care costs.

"ACAAI strongly endorses the Allergy and Asthma Patient Protection Act," said allergists David Stukus, MD, and Cherie Zachary, MD, ACAAI's president and immediate past president. Commercial insurers are increasingly restricting access to essential allergy and asthma treatments, including allergy immunotherapy, a safe and effective treatment that benefits more than 2.6 million patients annually. We thank Representative Onder, the only allergist in Congress, for introducing this important legislation to protect patient access to care and help allergists deliver the treatments their patients need."

About ACAAI

The ACAAI is a professional medical organization of more than 6,500 allergists-immunologists and allied health professionals, headquartered in Arlington Heights, Ill. The College fosters a culture of collaboration and congeniality in which its members work together and with others toward the common goals of patient care, education, advocacy, and research. ACAAI allergists are board-certified physicians trained to diagnose allergies and asthma, administer immunotherapy, and provide patients with the best treatment outcomes. For more information and to find relief, visit AllergyandAsthmaRelief.org. Join us on Facebook, Pinterest, X/Twitter, Instagram and Threads.