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**Re: Endorsement of Clinical Practice Guideline-Allergic Rhinitis**

Dear Lorraine:

We are pleased to inform you that the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) has reviewed your clinical practice guideline on allergic rhinitis and has elected to endorse it.

The AAFP has a stringent process to review guidelines from other organizations. This review may be the result of an AAFP member serving on the guideline development panel; a request from the organization developing the guideline; or the belief among AAFP members or staff that the guideline is relevant to family medicine. Our review is based on several factors, including scope and purpose; rigor of development; and clarity (see attached). Upon completion of the review, a recommendation is made for (1) endorsement; (2) affirmation of value; or (3) non-endorsement. The AAFP Commission on Health of the Public and Science reviewed the guideline and made the recommendation to the AAFP Board of Directors.

We plan to inform our members that the AAFP has endorsed the guideline by posting a summary of key recommendations and a link to the full guideline on the AAFP website. In addition, we may publicize the guideline in the *AAFP News* electronic newsletter or *American Family Physician* journal.

Providing our members with high-level, evidence-based clinical practice guidelines is an important element in our strategic plan. We appreciate the work you did to make the guideline scientifically rigorous, and we hope to review more guidelines from your organization in the future. We would also appreciate being notified in the event of future updates to this guideline.

Sincerely,

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