



Statement on the Passing of Floyd Malveaux, Childhood Asthma Leadership Coalition Founder

The Childhood Asthma Leadership Coalition expresses our sincere sadness on the loss of our esteemed colleague and the visionary founder of the Childhood Asthma Leadership Coalition, Floyd Malveaux, MD, Ph.D. A nationally recognized expert on asthma and allergic diseases, Floyd was an unwavering champion for health care equity and worked tirelessly to address health disparities and improve the quality of health care and health outcomes, especially among low-income, urban, and underserved children. He dedicated his career to improving the lives of individuals impacted by asthma and allergies.

Floyd earned a B.S. degree from Creighton University, M.S. degree from Loyola University (New Orleans), Ph.D. degree in Microbiology and Public Health from Michigan State University, and MD degree from Howard University. In 1995, Floyd served as Dean of Howard University College of Medicine. In 2005, he was appointed Executive Director of the Merck Childhood Asthma Network, Inc. (MCAN).

At MCAN, Floyd committed himself to translating his experiences as a clinician, in academia, as a researcher, into public policies that could be applied on a broad scale to improve care and outcomes for individuals with asthma. In 2012, under his leadership, MCAN supported the formation of the Childhood Asthma Leadership Coalition, a multi-sector coalition of leading advocates and experts in childhood asthma, public health, environmental health, poverty, housing, health care, and health care economics, to develop and advance policies that accelerate prevention and improve the diagnosis, treatment, and long-term management of children with asthma.

Floyd's expertise, leadership, commitment to serving others, and generous spirit have had a significant and direct impact on the lives and health of millions, including children and families, underserved populations, and people affected by asthma throughout the country. We mourn his loss and will carry on his legacy by continuing our important work.