The Clinton Health Matters Initiative (CHMI), an initiative of the Clinton Foundation, and kaléo, a privately-held pharmaceutical company, have formed a national strategic partnership that will help support CHMI’s goal of cutting prescription drug-related deaths in half, saving approximately 10,000 lives over five years. In partnership with CHMI, kaléo will make EVZIO® (naloxone HCl injection) Auto-Injector, an emergency treatment for opioid overdose, available at a discount to colleges and universities, public safety organizations and community organizations – placing this potentially life-saving medicine in the hands of those who can intervene quickly.

The partnership between kaléo and CHMI is an outcome of an April 2014 meeting convened by CHMI in which key stakeholders in government, industry, and community groups met to identify opportunities to expand naloxone access in local communities. The new endeavor, announced at the Health Matters Annual Activation Summit in January, will make EVZIO available at a discount close to federal pricing, such as the Federal Supply Schedule (FSS), to qualifying organizations that are not covered by insurance or eligible for FSS pricing.

EVZIO is a take-home naloxone auto-injector with visual and voice instructions to make it easy to use by family members and caregivers. EVZIO was approved by the FDA in 2014 and is the only naloxone product approved for immediate administration as emergency treatment for opioid overdose in settings where opioids may be present, such as in a dormitory or home. The injectable form of naloxone HCl was first approved by FDA in 1971 and has been the standard of care for the treatment of opioid overdose in the hospital and by emergency medical services for over 40 years. [1, 2]

If you represent an organization or agency that is interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, or if you would like more information on either the partnership or the discount program, please send an email to healthmatters@clintonfoundation.org and be sure to include “EVZIO Agreement” within the subject line.

“I am pleased kaleo has taken this important step with our Health Matters Initiative to create a nationwide expansion of this lifesaving medication by establishing a more predictable and affordable pricing arrangement for law enforcement professionals, community programs, and colleges and universities around the country.” - President Bill Clinton.