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SEABROOK HOUSE BEGINS NALOXONE INITIATIVE

SEABROOK, NJ- In a new initiative to reduce opioid overdose deaths, Seabrook will now prescribe discharged patients EVZIO, a naloxone auto-injector, manufactured by Kaléo Pharma.

EVZIO is an FDA approved prescription medication that temporarily reverses the effects of opioids such as prescription painkillers and heroin. This pocked-sized auto-injection system has visual and voice guidance to give step-by-step instructions to those administering the medication. EVZIO should be injected into the outer thigh and can be used through clothing. The voice guides remind the user to call 911 after use, and EVZIO helps keep patients breathing while waiting for emergency assistance. The injector is easy to use, and there is no training necessary. Studies show that 94 percent of users correctly administer the medication.

EVZIO will be prescribed to patients at Seabrook House with a history of opiate addiction. The patients will receive two injectors to bring to the household where they will be residing after treatment. Along with the two injectors with the medication, the patients will also receive two training EVZIO injectors. These will allow family members or friends to practice using the injectors without actually administering the medication. With private insurance, EVZIO should be no cost. If there is an instance in which an insurance company denies coverage, Seabrook House will advocate on behalf of the patient.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, opioids led to 28,000 overdose deaths in 2014. Those with a history of opiate use are at higher risk for overdosing, and most of these overdoses occur in front of family at home. Having EVZIO in the household of an opiate addict is critical and can be life saving.

Seabrook House Medical Director, Dr. Joseph Ranieri DO, FASAM, FAAFP, was at the forefront of this initiative. "Even with our commitment for excellence in treating the disease of addiction, there is still a high rate of relapse even after an abstinence based program," says Dr. Ranieri. "We want to make a difference in saving patients' lives after an opioid overdose so they can receive subsequent help."

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Seabrook is a nonprofit, internationally recognized, private CARF-accredited behavioral healthcare organization, with treatment locations in Bridgeton, NJ, Cherry Hill, NJ, Northfield, NJ, Morristown, NJ and Shrewsbury, NJ. Founded by Jerry and Peg Diehl in 1974, Seabrook has been helping families find the courage to recover from alcoholism and drug addiction for over 44 years. For more information on Seabrook, visit the company website at www.Seabrook.org.