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10-Year Statewide Naloxone Dispensing Program



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today announced a statewide agreement with Walmart to dispense naloxone to first responders across Florida. The announcement comes as Attorney General Moody continues to fight the national opioid crisis. As part of those efforts, Walmart has agreed to partner with the state in dispensing naloxone to law enforcement and first responders across Florida.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "From the beginning of my administration, I have been working to end the opioid crisis and help Florida communities recover. I'm grateful for Walmart stepping up and agreeing to partner with the state to provide law enforcement and first responders with much-needed Naloxone. This will greatly help in our continuing mission to end the opioid crisis and save lives."

Walmart has agreed to dispense 672,000 naloxone kits the state procured as part of an earlier agreement to law enforcement and first responders across the state. Walmart will also be paying the state of Florida \$215 million in funds to fight the opioid crisis.

To view the Walmart agreement, click <u>here</u>.

This agreement with Walmart is the latest in years of negotiations and litigation work by Attorney General Moody, who has been holding major opioid distributors, manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies accountable for their role in fueling the opioid crisis.

In <u>May</u>, Attorney General Moody announced the conclusion of the state's historic opioid litigation with a \$680 million recovery from Walgreens after four weeks in trial.

In March, Attorney General Moody obtained more than \$870 million for opioid abatement from CVS Health Corporation, CVS Pharmacy, Inc., Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd. and Allergan PLC. For more information about each of these actions, click here.

Prior to the March announcement, Attorney General Moody secured a multibillion-dollar nationwide settlement with McKesson Corp., Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Corp., and Johnson & Johnson, Inc. in February 2021. Florida will receive more than \$1.6 billion, which must be used for remediation. Florida also finalized a settlement with McKinsey & Company for \$40 million that same month.

In total, through Attorney General Moody's actions, the state has secured more than \$3.2 billion for remediation, with much of the funds secured from the 12 defendants in the state's historic litigation going to cities and counties to fund local abatement efforts.

For information on signs of opioid abuse, resources for obtaining help and prescription medication drop-off locations, visit DoseOfRealityFL.com.