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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to authorizing the commissioner of health to apply for a medicaid reform demonstration waiver

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 366 of the social services law is amended by adding  
2     a new subdivision 6-b to read as follows:  
3     6-B. A. THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH SHALL APPLY FOR A MEDICAID REFORM  
4     DEMONSTRATION WAIVER PURSUANT TO SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF THE  
5     FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT IN ORDER TO CREATE AN INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE  
6     FOR A MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MEDICAID SERVICES DELIVERY SYSTEM IN  
7     NEW YORK THAT EMPOWERS MEDICAID PATIENTS, BRIDGES PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
8     COVERAGE, IMPROVES PATIENT OUTCOMES AND STABILIZES PROGRAM COSTS.  
9     B. THE DEMONSTRATION WAIVER SHALL INCLUDE, BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED  
10    TO, THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS:  
11    (I) A RISK ADJUSTED CAPITATED MANAGED CARE PILOT PROGRAM FOR RECIPI-  
12    ENTS CURRENTLY SERVED IN MEDICAID-FEE-FOR SERVICE OR MEDICAID MANAGED  
13    CARE THAT PROVIDES BENEFIT PLANS THAT MORE CLOSELY RESEMBLE PRIVATE  
14    PLANS YET ARE ACTUARIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE CURRENT MEDICAID BENEFIT  
15    PACKAGE. RISK ADJUSTED CAPITATION RATES SHALL BE SEPARATED INTO THREE  
16    COMPONENTS TO COVER COMPREHENSIVE CARE, CATASTROPHIC CARE AND ENHANCED  
17    SERVICES AND MAY PHASE-IN FINANCIAL RISK FOR APPROVED PROVIDERS. HEALTH  
18    PLANS SHALL PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE CARE WHICH SHALL COVER ALL EXPENSES  
19    UNTIL A PREDETERMINED THRESHOLD OF EXPENSES IS REACHED AT WHICH TIME THE  
20    CATASTROPHIC COMPONENT SHALL TAKE OVER. HEALTH PLANS MAY CHOOSE TO

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 ASSUME THE CATASTROPHIC RISK FOR TARGET POPULATIONS THEY SERVE. THE  
2 CATASTROPHIC COMPONENT SHALL ENCOURAGE PROVIDER NETWORKS TO IDENTIFY  
3 RECIPIENTS WITH UNDIAGNOSED CHRONIC ILLNESS AND ENSURE PROPER DISEASE  
4 MANAGEMENT OF THE ENROLLEES CONDITION. THE ENHANCED SERVICES COMPONENT  
5 SHALL ENCOURAGE ENROLLEES TO ENGAGE IN APPROVED HEALTH ACTIVITIES BY  
6 INCLUDING THE FLEXIBILITY FOR HEALTH SPENDING ACCOUNTS. PLANS SHALL BE  
7 ENCOURAGED TO ESTABLISH CUSTOMIZED BENEFIT PACKAGES TARGETED TO SPECIFIC  
8 SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS THAT SHALL FOSTER ENROLLEE CHOICE AND ENABLE  
9 ENROLLEES TO ACCESS HEALTH CARE SERVICES THEY NEED. THE PACKAGES MAY  
10 VARY THE AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE OF SOME TRADITIONAL MEDICAID  
11 SERVICES, PROVIDED THE MANDATORY MEDICAID SERVICES ARE INCLUDED, THE  
12 BENEFITS ARE ACTUARIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE VALUE OF TRADITIONAL MEDICAID  
13 SERVICES, AND THEY PASS A SUFFICIENCY TEST TO ENSURE THE PACKAGE IS  
14 SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF THE TARGET POPULATION. THESE  
15 BENEFIT PACKAGES SHALL BE PRIOR APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH.  
16 PARTICIPATION SHALL BE MANDATORY IN DEMONSTRATION AREAS FOR ALL MEDICAID  
17 POPULATIONS NOT SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH.  
18 THOSE NOT REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE SHALL BE PROVIDED THE OPTION TO VOLUN-  
19 TARILY PARTICIPATE IN THE DEMONSTRATION WAIVER;

20 (II) A CHOICE OF MANAGED CARE PROVIDER WHICH SHALL REST WITH THE INDI-  
21 VIDUAL RECIPIENT, PROVIDED FAILURE TO CHOOSE SHALL RESULT IN AN AUTOMAT-  
22 IC ASSIGNMENT. AFTER A LIMITED OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD, RECIPIENTS MAY BE  
23 LOCKED IN A CAPITATED MANAGED CARE NETWORK FOR TWELVE MONTHS. A RECIPI-  
24 ENT SHALL BE ALLOWED TO SELECT ANOTHER CAPITATED MANAGED CARE NETWORK  
25 AFTER TWELVE MONTHS OF ENROLLMENT. HOWEVER, NOTHING SHALL PREVENT A  
26 MEDICAID RECIPIENT FROM CHANGING PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS WITHIN THE CAPI-  
27 TATED MANAGED CARE NETWORK DURING THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD;

28 (III) AN OPT-OUT PROVISION WHEREBY MEDICAID RECIPIENTS SHALL BE ABLE  
29 TO USE THEIR MEDICAID PREMIUM TO PURCHASE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE THROUGH  
30 AN EMPLOYER SPONSORED HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN INSTEAD OF THROUGH A MEDI-  
31 CAID CERTIFIED PLAN;

32 (IV) AN ENHANCED BENEFIT PACKAGE UNDER WHICH MEDICAID RECIPIENTS WILL  
33 RECEIVE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES AS A REWARD FOR HEALTHIER BEHAVIOR. FUNDS  
34 SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO A SPECIAL HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT AND AVAILABLE  
35 TO THE INDIVIDUAL TO OFFSET HEALTH CARE RELATED COSTS SUCH AS OVER THE  
36 COUNTER MEDICINES, VITAMINS OR OTHER EXPENSES NOT COVERED UNDER THEIR  
37 PLAN OR TO RETAIN FOR USE IN PURCHASING EMPLOYER PROVIDED INSURANCE;

38 (V) A MECHANISM TO REQUIRE CAPITATED MANAGED CARE PLANS TO REIMBURSE  
39 QUALIFIED EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDERS, INCLUDING AMBULANCE SERVICES AND  
40 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, PROVIDED THE DEMONSTRATION SHALL INCLUDE A  
41 PROVISION FOR CONTINUING FEE-FOR-SERVICE PAYMENTS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES  
42 FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDI-  
43 CAID;

44 (VI) A CHOICE COUNSELING SYSTEM TO ASSIST RECIPIENTS IN SELECTING A  
45 CAPITATED MANAGED CARE PLAN THAT BEST MEETS THEIR NEEDS, INCLUDING  
46 INFORMATION ON BENEFITS PROVIDED, COST SHARING AND OTHER CONTRACT INFOR-  
47 MATION. THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH SHALL PROHIBIT PLANS, THEIR EMPLOYEES  
48 OR CONTRACTEES FROM RECRUITING RECIPIENTS, SEEKING ENROLLMENT THROUGH  
49 INDUCEMENTS, OR PREJUDICING RECIPIENTS AGAINST OTHER CAPITATED PLANS;

50 (VII) A SYSTEM TO MONITOR THE PROVISIONS OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN  
51 THE PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING UTILIZATION AND QUALITY OF CARE TO ENSURE  
52 ACCESS TO MEDICALLY NECESSARY SERVICES;

53 (VIII) A GRIEVANCE RESOLUTION PROCESS FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS ENROLLED  
54 IN THE PILOT PROGRAM INCLUDING AN EXPEDITED REVIEW IF THE LIFE OF A  
55 MEDICAID RECIPIENT IS IN IMMINENT AND EMERGENT JEOPARDY;

1 (IX) A GRIEVANCE RESOLUTION PROCESS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS EMPLOYED  
2 BY OR CONTRACTED WITH A CAPITATED MANAGED CARE NETWORK UNDER THE DEMON-  
3 STRATION WAIVER TO SETTLE DISPUTES; AND

4 (X) A TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL CONVENED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH  
5 TO ADVISE THE AGENCY IN THE AREAS OF RISK-ADJUSTED-RATE SETTING, BENEFIT  
6 DESIGN INCLUDING THE ACTUARIAL EQUIVALENCE AND SUFFICIENCY STANDARDS TO  
7 BE USED, CHOICE COUNSELING AND ANY OTHER ASPECTS OF THE DEMONSTRATION  
8 IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH. THE PANEL SHALL INCLUDE, BUT  
9 SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE STATE'S HEALTH PLANS,  
10 REPRESENTATIVES FROM PROVIDER-SPONSORED NETWORKS, A MEDICAID CONSUMER  
11 REPRESENTATIVE, AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE STATE INSURANCE DEPART-  
12 MENT.

13 C. THE DEMONSTRATION WAIVER SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED IN NO LESS THAN THREE  
14 GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE STATE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF  
15 HEALTH.

16 D. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL COMPREHENSIVELY EVALUATE THE  
17 PROGRAMS CREATED IN THIS SUBDIVISION AND CONTINUE SUCH EVALUATION FOR  
18 TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE PILOT PROGRAMS HAVE ENROLLED MEDICAID  
19 RECIPIENTS AND PROVIDED HEALTH CARE SERVICES. THE EVALUATION SHALL  
20 INCLUDE ASSESSMENTS OF THE LEVEL OF CONSUMER EDUCATION, CHOICE AND  
21 ACCESS TO SERVICES, COORDINATION OF CARE, QUALITY OF CARE BY EACH ELIGI-  
22 BILITY CATEGORY AND MANAGED CARE PLAN IN EACH PILOT SITE AND ANY COST  
23 SAVINGS. THE EVALUATION SHALL DESCRIBE ADMINISTRATIVE OR LEGAL BARRIERS  
24 TO THE IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF EACH PILOT PROGRAM AND INCLUDE  
25 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING STATEWIDE EXPANSION OF THE MANAGED CARE PILOT  
26 PROGRAMS. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL SUBMIT AN EVALUATION REPORT TO  
27 THE GOVERNOR, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF  
28 THE ASSEMBLY BY DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN.

29 E. UPON COMPLETION OF THE EVALUATION CONDUCTED UNDER PARAGRAPH D OF  
30 THIS SUBDIVISION, THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH MAY REQUEST STATEWIDE  
31 EXPANSION OF THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS. STATEWIDE EXPANSION INTO ADDI-  
32 TIONAL AREAS SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE LEGIS-  
33 LATURE.

34 F. THIS WAIVER AUTHORITY IS CONTINGENT UPON FEDERAL APPROVAL AND  
35 FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION (FFP) FOR:

36 (I) THOSE MEDICAID BENEFITS AND ELIGIBILITY CATEGORIES PARTICIPATING  
37 IN THE WAIVER, INCLUDING THE LOCK-IN PROVISIONS;

38 (II) THE EMPLOYER SPONSORED INSURANCE OPTION WITH COST SHARING;

39 (III) ANY ENHANCED BENEFIT EXPENDITURES, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO  
40 DISBURSE HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT FUNDS TO FORMER MEDICAID RECIPIENTS WHO  
41 ACCRUED FUNDS WHILE ON MEDICAID; AND

42 (IV) ANY OTHER FEDERAL APPROVALS OR FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION  
43 CONTINGENCIES THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH MAY DEEM NECESSARY.

44 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
45 the department of health shall submit the medicaid reform demonstration  
46 waiver pursuant to the provisions of subdivision 6-b of section 366 of  
47 the social services law, as added by section one of this act, within six  
48 months of the effective date of this act.