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Introduced by Sens. YOUNG, O'MARA, RITCHIE, VALESKY -- (at request of the Legislative Commission on Rural Resources) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to directing the commissioner of health to make recommendations relating to increasing certain ambulatory patient group reimbursement rates

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2-a of section 2807 of the public health law is amended by adding a new paragraph (j) to read as follows:

(J) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH HOSPITAL INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES, PROVIDE WRITTEN RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN, ON INCREASING AMBULATORY PATIENT GROUPS REIMBURSEMENT RATES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION FOR GENERAL HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT SERVICES, GENERAL HOSPITAL EMERGENCY SERVICES, DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT CENTER SERVICES AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL SERVICES, PROVIDED BY RURAL HOSPITALS DESIGNATED AS CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE XVIII OF THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT. SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE INCREASED COSTS OF PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS AS WELL AS THE NEED TO MAINTAIN ACCESS TO SUCH SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS. IN ADDITION, THE RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL CONTAIN PROPOSED LEGISLATION, FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN--TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN FISCAL YEAR, TO EFFECTUATE RATE INCREASES EFFECTIVE APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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