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Introduced by Sen. SAMPSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to authorizing a pilot program for enhanced prior approval of high cost diagnostic radiology services

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

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 369-gg to read as follows:

S 369-GG. PILOT PROGRAM FOR ENHANCED PRIOR APPROVAL OF HIGH COST DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY SERVICES. 1. PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW, THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH SHALL, WITHIN THE FISCAL YEAR OF TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN--TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN, CONTRACT WITH QUALIFIED BIDDERS TO PERFORM PILOT PROJECTS TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF REDUCING MEDICALLY UNNECESSARY HIGH COST RADIOLOGICAL PROCEDURES AND GENERALIZING COST SAVINGS TO THE STATE THROUGH ENHANCED MEDICAL MANAGEMENT AND PRIOR REVIEW OF ORDERS FOR DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING.

2. THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH SHALL SELECT AN ENTITY TO PERFORM SUCH PILOT PROJECT UTILIZING THE FOLLOWING SELECTION CRITERIA:

(A) THE ENTITY SHALL HAVE AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S EXPERIENCE UTILIZING AND CURRENTLY UTILIZING LICENSED PROFESSIONALS TO CONDUCT INTAKE OF PATIENTS;

(B) THE ENTITY SHALL HAVE AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S EXPERIENCE UTILIZING AND CURRENTLY UTILIZING ONLY LICENSED RADIOLOGISTS TO MAKE PRIOR REVIEW DETERMINATIONS;

(C) THE ENTITY SHALL HAVE AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S EXPERIENCE UTILIZING AND CURRENTLY UTILIZING LICENSED RADIOLOGISTS TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, AS NECESSARY, FROM THE TREATING PROVIDER;

(D) THE ENTITY SHALL BE BASED IN NEW YORK AND AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT OF THE ENTITY'S EMPLOYEES SHALL RESIDE IN NEW YORK.

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

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S 2. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.