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AN ACT to amend the public health law and the public authorities law, in relation to cost allowances for strategic capital investments for technology infrastructure of certain home health care programs

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

1     Section 1. Section 3614 of the public health law is amended by adding  
2     a new subdivision 3-b to read as follows:  
3     3-B. STRATEGIC CAPITAL INVESTMENT ALLOWANCES. (A) FOR ANNUAL RATE  
4     PERIODS ON AND AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, IN DETERMINING  
5     THE PROPOSED RATE SCHEDULES FOR PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGEN-  
6     CY SERVICES OR SERVICES PROVIDED BY LONG TERM HOME HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS  
7     OR AIDS HOME CARE PROGRAMS, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL INCLUDE IN SUCH RATES  
8     AN ALLOWANCE FOR COSTS INCURRED FOR STRATEGIC CAPITAL INVESTMENTS BY  
9     SUCH AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONIC MEDICAL  
10    RECORDS, DISEASE MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY, MEDICATION MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY  
11    AND OTHER INVESTMENTS RELATED TO THEIR TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE. THE  
12    PURPOSE OF SUCH ALLOWANCE SHALL BE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CARE,  
13    IMPROVE THE COST-EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF SUCH AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS AND  
14    FACILITATE THE FULFILLMENT OF THE STATE'S HEALTH CARE GOALS. SUCH ALLOW-  
15    ANCE SHALL BE FACTORED IN AS A COMPONENT OF THE RATE SCHEDULE AFTER, AND  
16    SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO, THE APPLICATION OF ANY ADJUSTMENTS, CEILINGS OR  
17    LIMITATIONS ON SUCH RATE SCHEDULES.  
18    (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISION OF LAW OR REGULATION,  
19    THE ALLOWANCES PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL  
20    BE SUBJECT TO AMOUNTS AS MAY BE ALLOCATED OR APPROPRIATED FOR SUCH  
21    PURPOSES.  
22    S 2. The opening paragraph of section 1680-j of the public authorities  
23    law, as amended by section 54 of part B of chapter 58 of the laws of  
24    2005, is amended to read as follows:  
25    Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the dormi-  
26    tory authority of the state of New York is hereby authorized to issue  
27    bonds or notes in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount

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

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1 not to exceed seven hundred fifty million dollars excluding bonds issued  
2 to fund one or more debt service reserve funds, to pay costs of issuance  
3 of such bonds, and bonds or notes issued to refund or otherwise repay  
4 such bonds or notes previously issued, for the purposes of financing  
5 project costs authorized under section twenty-eight hundred eighteen of  
6 the public health law. Of such seven hundred fifty million dollars, ten  
7 million dollars shall be made available to the community health centers  
8 capital program established pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred  
9 seventeen of the public health law, AND FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS SHALL BE  
10 MADE AVAILABLE TO CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGENCIES, LONG TERM HOME HEALTH  
11 CARE PROGRAMS AND AIDS HOME CARE PROGRAMS FOR STRATEGIC CAPITAL INVEST-  
12 MENTS PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THREE-B OF SECTION THIRTY-SIX HUNDRED  
13 FOURTEEN OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW.

14 S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding  
15 the date on which it shall have become a law.