

STATE OF NEW YORK

10504

IN ASSEMBLY

May 1, 2018

Introduced by M. of A. SOLAGES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to including doulas as medical services providers for Medicaid recipients; directing the commissioner of health to submit an application for amendments and waivers to add doulas to state Medicaid coverage; and directing the commissioner of health and the commissioner of social services to add, amend and/or repeal any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 of section 364-j of the
2 social services law, as amended by chapter 653 of the laws of 1997, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (d) "Medical services provider". A physician, nurse, nurse practitioner,
5 er, physician assistant, licensed midwife, doula, dentist, optometrist
6 or other licensed health care practitioner authorized to provide medical
7 assistance services.

8 § 2. The commissioner of health is directed to apply for such state
9 Medicaid plan amendments or waivers as may be necessary to implement the
10 provisions of this act and include doula care as a covered service under
11 the state Medicaid plan, and to secure federal financial participation
12 for state Medicaid expenditures for doula care under the federal Medi-
13 caid program.

14 § 3. The commissioner of health and the commissioner of social
15 services shall add, amend and/or repeal any rule or regulation necessary
16 for the implementation of this act.

17 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that section one
18 of this act shall take effect upon receipt by the commissioner of health
19 of approval from the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to
20 include doula care as a covered service under the state Medicaid plan;
21 provided, further, that the amendments to section 364-j of the social
22 services law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal
23 of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith. The commissioner

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

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1 of health shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the
2 occurrence of the receipt of such approval in order that the commission
3 may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official
4 text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating
5 the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of
6 the public officers law.