

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 9, 2018

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to maternal depression treatment; and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2017, amending the public health law, relating to maternal depression treatment, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4000 and A. 8308, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 2500-k of the public health law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2017, amending the public health law relating to maternal depression treatment, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4000 and A. 8308, is amended to read as follows:

3. Maternal depression treatment. The commissioner, in [~~collaboration~~] consultation with the commissioner of mental health, shall:

(a) [~~compile a list of providers who treat or provide support for maternal depression including mental health professionals, other licensed professionals, peer support, not-for-profit corporations and other community resources. Such list shall be made available to the public on the department's website and be searchable by zip code;~~] inform providers of the need to raise awareness about maternal depression; and

(b) [~~update the list of providers as necessary; and~~
(c) ~~within existing appropriations, ensure adequate investment in treatment resources for maternal depression including a statewide hotline, peer support, adequate referral networks and telehealth or telemedicine services~~] provide information on the department's and office of mental health's websites regarding how to locate available providers who treat or provide support for maternal depression including, but not limited to, mental health professionals, other licensed professionals, peer support, not-for-profit corporations and other community resources.

§ 2. Section 2 of a chapter of the laws of 2017, amending the public health law, relating to maternal depression treatment, as proposed in

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

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1 legislative bills numbers S. 4000 and A. 8308, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 § 2. This act shall take effect [~~on the first of January next succeed-~~
4 ~~ing the date on which it shall have become a law~~] June 30, 2018;
5 provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment
6 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation
7 of this act on its effective date [~~is~~] are authorized to be made and
8 completed by the commissioner of health on or before such effective
9 date.

10 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
11 section one of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the
12 same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2017, amending the public health
13 law, relating to maternal depression treatment, as proposed in legisla-
14 tive bills numbers S. 4000 and A. 8308, takes effect.