

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 22, 2021

Introduced by Sen. RIVERA -- 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 removing certain restrictions on access to home care services; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (e) of subdivision 2 of
2 section 365-a of the social services law, as amended by section 2 of
3 part MM of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020 is amended to read as follows:

4 (i) personal care services, including personal emergency response
5 services, shared aide and an individual aide, subject to the provisions
6 of subparagraphs (ii), (iii), (iv)[~~(v)~~] and (vi) of this paragraph,
7 furnished to an individual who is not an inpatient or resident of a
8 hospital, nursing facility, intermediate care facility for individuals
9 with intellectual disabilities, or institution for mental disease, as
10 determined to meet the recipient's needs for assistance when cost effec-
11 tive and appropriate, and when prescribed by a qualified independent
12 physician selected or approved by the department of health, in accord-
13 ance with the recipient's plan of treatment and provided by individuals
14 who are qualified to provide such services, who are supervised by a
15 registered nurse and who are not members of the recipient's family, and
16 furnished in the recipient's home or other location;

17 § 2. Subparagraph (v) of paragraph (e) of subdivision 2 of section
18 365-a of the social services law is REPEALED.

19 § 3. Paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of subdivision 2 of section 365-f of
20 the social services law, paragraphs (b) and (d) as added by chapter 81
21 of the laws of 1995, paragraph (c) as amended by section 3 of part MM of
22 chapter 56 of the laws of 2020, are amended to read as follows:

23 (b) is eligible for medical assistance[+]

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

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1 ~~(c) has been determined by the social services district, pursuant to~~
2 ~~an assessment of the person's appropriateness for the program, conducted~~
3 ~~with an appropriate long term home health care program, a certified home~~
4 ~~health agency, or an AIDS home care program or pursuant to the personal~~
5 ~~care program, as being in need of home care services or private duty~~
6 ~~nursing and as needing at least limited assistance with physical maneu-~~
7 ~~vering with more than two activities of daily living, or for persons~~
8 ~~with a dementia or Alzheimer's diagnosis, as needing at least super-~~
9 ~~vision with more than one activity of daily living, provided that the~~
10 ~~provisions related to activities of daily living in this paragraph shall~~
11 ~~only apply to persons who initially seek eligibility for the program on~~
12 ~~or after October first, two thousand twenty, and who is able and willing~~
13 ~~or has a designated representative, including a legal guardian able and~~
14 ~~willing to make informed choices, or a designated relative or other~~
15 ~~adult who is able and willing to assist in making informed choices, as~~
16 ~~to the type and quality of services, including but not limited to such~~
17 ~~services as nursing care, personal care, transportation and respite~~
18 ~~services]; and~~

19 [(d)] (c) meets such other criteria, as may be established by the
20 commissioner, which are necessary to effectively implement the objec-
21 tives of this section.

22 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.