

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 4, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to allowing for the delivery of telehealth services in schools by licensed providers

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

Section 1. Paragraph (j) of subdivision 1 of section 414 of the education law, as added by chapter 513 of the laws of 2005, subparagraph (i) as amended by chapter 672 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(j) For licensed school-based health, dental or mental health clinics and telehealth providers. (i) For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "licensed school-based health, dental or mental health clinic and telehealth provider" means a clinic or telehealth provider, as defined in subdivision two of section twenty-nine hundred ninety-nine-cc of the public health law, that is located in, or provide services to, a school facility of a school district ~~[-]~~, board of cooperative educational services, or charter school, is operated by an entity other than the school district ~~[-]~~, board of cooperative educational services, or charter school and will provide health, dental or mental health services during school hours and/or non-school hours to school-age and preschool children, and that is: (1) a health clinic approved under the provisions of chapter one hundred ninety-eight of the laws of nineteen hundred seventy-eight; or (2) another school-based health or dental clinic licensed by the department of health pursuant to article twenty-eight of the public health law; or (3) a school-based mental health clinic licensed or approved by the office of mental health pursuant to article thirty-one of the mental hygiene law; or (4) a school-based mental health clinic licensed by the office for people with developmental disabilities pursuant to article sixteen of the mental hygiene law; or (5) a telehealth provider delivering health care services by means of telehealth in accordance with article twenty-nine-G of the public health law. The commissioner shall develop regulations to implement the provisions of this paragraph, in consultation with the commissioners of

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

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1 health, mental health, and the office for people with developmental
2 disabilities.

3 (ii) Health professionals who provide services [~~in licensed school-~~
4 ~~based health, dental or mental health clinics~~] pursuant to this para-
5 graph shall be duly licensed pursuant to the provisions of title eight
6 of this chapter unless otherwise exempted by law and shall be authorized
7 to provide such services to the extent permitted by their respective
8 practice acts.

9 (iii) Except where otherwise authorized by law, the cost of providing
10 health, dental or mental health services, including telehealth services,
11 shall not be a charge upon the school district [~~or~~], board of cooper-
12 ative educational services, or charter school, and shall be paid from
13 federal, state or other local funds available for such purpose. Building
14 space used for [~~such a clinic~~] the provision of health, dental or mental
15 health services, including telehealth services, shall be excluded from
16 the rated capacity of the school building for the purpose of computing
17 building aid pursuant to subdivision six of section thirty-six hundred
18 two of this chapter or aid pursuant to subdivision five of section nine-
19 teen hundred fifty of this chapter.

20 (iv) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to justify a cause
21 of action for damages against a school district [~~or a~~], board of cooper-
22 ative educational services, or charter school, by reason of acts of
23 negligence or misconduct by a school-based health, dental or mental
24 health clinic or such clinic's officers or employees or by a telehealth
25 provider or such telehealth provider's officers or employees.

26 (v) Telehealth services may only be provided to students pursuant to
27 this paragraph if the student has written consent from a parent or
28 person in parental relation.

29 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
30 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
31 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
32 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
33 completed on or before such effective date.