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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to training for prescribers of certain pain medications

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 3 of section 3309-a of the public health law, as added by section 1 of part A of chapter 71 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The commissioner, in consultation with the department of education and the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse~~] **addiction services and supports**, shall establish standards and review and approve course work or training in pain management, palliative care, and addiction **and update such standards and approvals as necessary according to best practices for providing patient centered care with the consideration of social determinants of health and co-occuring disorders** and shall publish information related to such standards, course work or training on the department's website.

§ 2. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 3 of section 3309-a of the public health law, as added by section 1 of part A of chapter 71 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

(f) Course work or training shall include, but not be limited to: state and federal requirements for prescribing controlled substances; pain management; appropriate prescribing; managing acute pain; palliative medicine; prevention, screening and signs of [~~addiction~~] **substance use disorder**; responses to abuse and addiction; and end of life care. **For each licensed person due to re-register pursuant to this subdivision after July first, two thousand twenty-six, such course work or training shall also include techniques that will reduce the likelihood of overdose and other harms related to the use of controlled substances and**

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

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medications used for the treatment of addiction, including information about becoming a buprenorphine prescriber.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed by the department of health in consultation with the state education department and the office of addiction services and supports on or before such effective date.