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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to quality innovation and improvement through home care

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2 3623 to read as follows:

3 § 3623. Program for quality innovation and improvement through home  
4 care. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and  
5 subject to appropriated amounts, the commissioner, upon the approval of  
6 the director of the budget, shall provide grants directly, or in the  
7 form of supplemental rate payments, for the purpose of supporting a  
8 program of health care quality innovation and improvement through home  
9 care.

10 Eligible entities for such payments shall include: certified home  
11 health agencies; long term home health care programs; licensed home care  
12 services agencies; managed long term care plans under section forty-four  
13 hundred three-f of this chapter for initiatives with contracted home  
14 care agencies; and managed care plans under section three hundred  
15 sixty-four-j of the social services law for initiatives with contracted  
16 home care agencies.

17 2. Such program shall include, but not limited to:

18 (a) addressing significant public health problems and goals through  
19 home care, including falls prevention, health care disparities, septice-  
20 mia early identification and intervention, cardiovascular health, pres-  
21 sure ulcer prevention, and other;

22 (b) advances in care management and care transitions through home care  
23 partnership with hospitals, physicians, health plans, behavioral health  
24 providers, nursing homes and/or other sectors, as well as for coordi-

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

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1 nation of primary, chronic and behavioral health care service planning,  
2 delivery and care management;

3 (c) implementation of comprehensive quality measurement and improve-  
4 ment tools in home care, including, but not limited to the integration  
5 of these tools into home care electronic records and reporting systems,  
6 and associated adaptation of software and connectivity to analytical  
7 systems; such tools shall promote and facilitate comprehensive quality  
8 monitoring, improvement and innovation, continuous self-audit, and  
9 priority benchmarking and alignment and of home care with managed care,  
10 hospitals, primary care and integrated care models;

11 (d) home care agency staff training in quality and specialty care  
12 practice and/or care management techniques;

13 (e) technology-based approaches to enhance patient care;

14 (f) population health improvement through population studies, agency  
15 service analytics, staff training in population care coordination, and  
16 other, conducted by home care agencies;

17 (g) increased incorporation of evidenced based care practices through  
18 adoption and use of clinical guidelines, clinical pathways, and/or other  
19 best practice, by home care agencies; and/or

20 (h) other initiatives to promote improved patient outcomes, patient  
21 satisfaction, service coordination or access through home care, as the  
22 commissioner may approve.

23 3. The commissioner, in consultation with representatives of home care  
24 providers, managed care plans and statewide associations representative  
25 of such providers and plans, shall establish a process for provider and  
26 managed care plan application project scoring, and for approval of  
27 payments under this section. If federal financial participation is  
28 unavailable, then the non-federal share of awards made pursuant to this  
29 subdivision may be made as state grants.

30 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.