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Introduced by M. of A. COOK, HYNDMAN, SAYEGH, COLTON, WILLIAMS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the HTLV-1 and HTLV-2 viruses

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 207 of the public health law is amended by adding a new paragraph (t) to read as follows:

(t) The diagnosis, treatment and prevention of HTLV-1 and HTLV-2, including information and assistance on where to find community support services, support groups, respite, and care management. In instances in which viral typing is possible, educational materials shall direct to virus specific community support services, support groups, respite, and care management as HTLV-1 and HTLV-2 are two different retroviruses with differing epidemiologies and disease associations requiring specific recommendations for persons infected with HTLV-1 or HTLV-2. Such materials shall be made available to clinics that specialize in sexually transmitted diseases, health care facilities, and department of corrections and community supervision facilities. All information and materials shall be maintained and updated to reflect best practice recommendations and shall be culturally and linguistically appropriate for the communities the materials are made available to.

§ 2. 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 on or before such effective date.

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

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