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Introduced by M. of A. SAYEGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law and the public health law, in relation to ensuring continuity of care for cancer patients during insurance contract negotiations

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Continuity of Cancer Care Act" or the "COCCA".

§ 2. Section 3216 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new subsection (n) to read as follows:

(n) An insurer shall, where an insured is receiving treatment for cancer at a hospital that specializes in oncology treatment which such insurer was covering in whole or in part and such insurer and such hospital company cannot come to an agreement during contract negotiations, continue to cover such treatments for such insured until the conclusion of such insured's care.

§ 3. Section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new subsection (v) to read as follows:

(v) An insurer shall, where an insured is receiving treatment for cancer at a hospital that specializes in oncology treatment which such insurer was covering in whole or in part and such insurer and such hospital company cannot come to an agreement during contract negotiations, continue to cover such treatments for such insured until the conclusion of such insured's care.

§ 4. Section 4303 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) An insurer shall, where an insured is receiving treatment for cancer at a hospital that specializes in oncology treatment which such insurer was covering in whole or in part and such insurer and such hospital company cannot come to an agreement during contract negoti-

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

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ations, continue to cover such treatments for such insured until the conclusion of such insured's care.

§ 5. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2404-e to read as follows:

§ 2404-e. Cancer; duty to continue treatment. Where a person is receiving treatment for cancer at a hospital that specializes in oncology treatment which is covered by such person's insurance company and such hospital and such person's insurance company cannot come to an agreement during contract negotiations, such person shall remain under continuous care of such hospital and such person's insurance shall continue to provide such coverage for such treatments until the conclusion of such person's care.

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately.