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Introduced by M. of A. TAPIA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to establishing a statewide reporting and integration program for public mental health service providers

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "mental health integration for networked data (MIND) act".

§ 2. Legislative findings and intent. The legislature finds that the effective treatment and coordination of mental health services across the state of New York requires a centralized, secure, and standardized framework for the collection, integration, and sharing of mental health data. The office of mental health currently administers data systems, including the psychiatric services and clinical knowledge enhancement system (PSYCKES), which facilitate such integration and support improved outcomes, accountability, and provider coordination. It is the intent of the legislature to expand and standardize the use of such platforms across counties and local mental health systems statewide.

§ 3. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 5.10 to read as follows:

§ 5.10 Statewide mental health data integration and reporting framework.

(a) The office of mental health shall establish and maintain a centralized mental health data reporting and integration platform to be utilized by all state-operated and county-administered mental health programs, as well as all providers licensed or funded by the office of mental health for the provision of mental health services. Such system shall include, but not be limited to, the functionality currently provided by the psychiatric services and clinical knowledge enhancement

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

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system (PSYCKES), or its successor system as designated by the commissioner.

(b) All covered entities shall report mental health-related incidents, treatment utilization, and support services in accordance with standards and protocols developed by the office of mental health. The office shall promulgate such standards through regulation within one hundred eighty days of the effective date of this section.

(c) Subject to appropriation, funds shall be made available to counties, municipalities, and eligible provider organizations for costs associated with compliance with this section, including, but not limited to:

(1) administrative expenses;

(2) staffing and personnel support;

(3) system upgrades and technological integration;

(4) training and education for provider staff and administrators on system use, data reporting standards, and compliance procedures;

(5) training on the health insurance portability and accountability act (HIPAA), including privacy, consent, and data-sharing protocols; and

(6) procedures to ensure informed consent from individuals whose data will be entered into or accessed through the centralized system.

(d) The office of mental health shall administer such funding pursuant to guidelines it shall develop, which may include grant application procedures, eligibility criteria, and reporting requirements.

(e) The office of mental health shall ensure that all participating entities demonstrate compliance with federal and state data privacy and confidentiality laws, including HIPAA, as a condition of receiving funding pursuant to this section.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however that subdivision (b) of section 5.10 of the mental hygiene law as added by section three of this act shall take effect one hundred eighty days after such effective date.