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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to directing the department of health to contract with community-based and not-for-profit organizations for the provision of information on health care services and benefits available to immigrants

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (u), (v), (w), (x) and (y) of subdivision 1 of section 201 of the public health law, paragraph (u) as added by chapter 939 of the laws of 1976, paragraph (v) as added by chapter 474 of the laws of 1996, paragraph (w) as added by chapter 543 of the laws of 2019, paragraph (x) as added by section 2 of subpart S of part XX of chapter 55 of the laws of 2020 and paragraph (y) as added by chapter 95 of the laws of 2022, are amended and a new paragraph (z) is added to read as follows:

(u) engage in research into the causes of rocky mountain spotted fever and the prevention thereof and develop programs for the control of ticks, insects and [~~anthropods~~] arthropods which act as vectors of disease affecting [~~man~~] humans, within funds made available for such purposes[~~.~~];

(v) act as the single state agency for medical assistance, pursuant to section three hundred sixty-three-a of the social services law, [~~as amended by this chapter,~~] with responsibility to supervise the plan for medical assistance as required by title XIX of the federal Social Security act, or its successor, and to adopt regulations as may be necessary to implement this plan[~~.~~];

(w) make available to the council on children and families information, in a format identified by the council, regarding home visiting programs that meet the criteria as required by section four hundred twenty-nine of the social services law regardless of whether such

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

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program has a contract with or receive funding from the state. Such information shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in subdivision two of section four hundred eighty-three-h of the social services law. Such information shall be made available no less than once a year[~~.~~];

(x) produce an annual report analyzing the costs related to the sexual assault examination direct reimbursement program as created under subdivision thirteen of section six hundred thirty-one of the executive law and provide such report to the office of victim services on or before September first of each year. Such report shall be provided to the governor, temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly[~~.~~];

(y) To develop a form by which a coroner, coroner's physician or medical examiner, pursuant to section six hundred seventy-seven of the county law, shall report to the [~~division~~] department of veterans' services any death which appears to be caused by suicide by a person who, to the knowledge of the coroner, coroner's physician or medical examiner, is a veteran. This form shall at a minimum: (i) ensure compliance with the strictest privacy protections and encourage data aggregation to the extent feasible; (ii) provide the address to which the form is to be mailed or submitted electronically; and (iii) include the county of residence and the branch of service of deceased veterans during the reporting period[~~.~~]; and

(z)(i) within amounts appropriated therefor, contract with community-based organizations and not-for-profit corporations for the provision of outreach, information and educational services to naturalized citizens and noncitizens on health care services and benefits which are available to such persons. Such outreach, information and educational services shall:

(A) designate which health care services are available to such persons in the community in which they reside;

(B) include the eligibility requirements for the following programs:

(1) medical assistance and emergency medical assistance, pursuant to title eleven of article five of the social services law,

(2) family health plus, pursuant to title eleven-D of article five of the social services law,

(3) child health insurance plan, pursuant to title one-A of article twenty-five of this chapter, and

(4) any other health benefit program the commissioner deems appropriate;

(C) provide information on the manner in which to apply for such programs; and

(D) be provided in a manner and the language which is most appropriate for the community to which the outreach, information and educational services are to be provided.

(ii) the department shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this paragraph. In addition, the department shall provide all educational materials necessary to implement the provisions of this paragraph and shall pay the costs of distributing such materials.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth 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.