STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the mental hygiene law, in relation to dispensing certain individuals with opioid reversal drugs upon discharge

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 2803-u of the public health law, as added by section 1 of part C of chapter 70 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

3. **(a)** Upon commencement of treatment, admission, or discharge of an individual with a documented substance use disorder or who appears to have or be at risk for a substance use disorder, including discharge from the emergency department, such hospital shall inform the individual of the availability of the substance use disorder treatment services that may be available to them through a substance use disorder services program.

(b) Upon discharge of an individual who appears to be at risk for a substance use disorder, such hospital shall dispense at least two doses of opioid reversal drugs.

§ 2. Section 29.15 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new subdivision (o) to read as follows:

(o) Upon discharge from an inpatient facility operated or licensed by the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services or the office of mental health, a patient who appears to be at risk for a substance use disorder shall be dispensed at least two doses of opioid reversal drugs.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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