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AN ACT to amend the public health law, the insurance law and the social services law, in relation to the provision of child abuse medical services at child advocacy centers and reimbursement therefor

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "child abuse medical services act".
3 S 2. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby finds and declares
4 that a child or adolescent who has been sexually abused needs immediate
5 medical attention and treatment. It is critical, therefore, that a child
6 or adolescent victimized by sexual assault, misconduct, or exploitation
7 has direct access to a medical provider who is specially trained to
8 evaluate, diagnose, and treat children and adolescents who have been
9 sexually abused. Furthermore, medical services must be specifically
10 tailored to the health, mental health, and social needs of an abused
11 child or adolescent. Child advocacy centers, accredited by the National
12 Children's Alliance and recognized by the New York state office of chil-
13 dren and family services, provide such specialized medical services to
14 abused and maltreated children and adolescents. Child advocacy centers
15 provide trained and experienced medical providers who are members of a
16 multi-disciplinary team located in a facility dedicated to children and
17 adolescents who have been abused or maltreated where children and
18 adolescents can find timely, complete, sensitive medical help, therapy,
19 and support. To ensure abused children and adolescents direct access to
20 child abuse medical providers at child advocacy centers and the avail-
21 ability of such services, the legislature hereby enacts the child abuse
22 medical services act.

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

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1 S 3. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 4406-f
2 to read as follows:

3 S 4406-F. ACCESS TO CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDERS AT CHILD ADVOCACY
4 CENTERS. 1. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL
5 HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

6 A. "CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER" MEANS A PHYSICIAN LICENSED UNDER
7 ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE OF THE EDUCATION LAW, NURSE PRACTITIONER
8 CERTIFIED UNDER SECTION SIXTY-NINE HUNDRED TEN OF THE EDUCATION LAW, OR
9 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR SPECIALIST ASSISTANT LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE ONE
10 HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE-B OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRACTICE IN THE STATE OF
11 NEW YORK WHO HAS COMPLETED A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER EDUCATION
12 PROGRAM AND PROVIDES MEDICAL ASSESSMENT AND SERVICES TO CHILDREN, WHO
13 HAVE BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED, AT A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER.

14 B. "CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM OF
15 EDUCATION DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED OR APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, IN
16 CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, SPECIF-
17 ICALLY TO TRAIN PHYSICIANS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, AND PHYSICIAN AND
18 SPECIALIST ASSISTANTS LICENSED TO PRACTICE PURSUANT TO TITLE EIGHT OF
19 THE EDUCATION LAW ABOUT EVALUATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF ABUSED
20 AND MALTREATED CHILDREN.

21 C. "CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER" MEANS A LOCAL OR REGIONAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY
22 TEAM FULLY ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE AND APPROVED
23 BY THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVES-
24 TIGATING REPORTS OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT.

25 D. "CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE" MEANS ANY OF THE OFFENSES DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE
26 ONE HUNDRED THIRTY, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY, OR TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OF
27 THE PENAL LAW WHEN COMMITTED AGAINST A PERSON LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS
28 OF AGE.

29 E. "MEDICAL ASSESSMENT" MEANS THE EVALUATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT
30 OF A CHILD BY A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER, WHICH INCLUDES BUT IS NOT
31 LIMITED TO A THOROUGH MEDICAL HISTORY AND COMPLETE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL
32 HEALTH EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A CHILD HAS BEEN SEXUALLY
33 ABUSED, DIAGNOSE AND TREAT THE CHILD, AND IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP
34 FOR THE CHILD PURSUANT TO A PROTOCOL APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN
35 CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.

36 2. NO CHILD WHO HAS BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED SHALL BE
37 DENIED DIRECT ACCESS TO A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER AT A CHILD ADVOCACY
38 CENTER. A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION SHALL NOT DENY A CHILD
39 DIRECT ACCESS TO A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER AT A CHILD ADVOCACY
40 CENTER FOR A MEDICAL ASSESSMENT OR LIMIT SUCH ACCESS WHEN:

41 A. A CHILD DISCLOSES SEXUAL ABUSE TO A PARENT, OTHER PERSON LEGALLY
42 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE OF THE CHILD AS DEFINED BY THE FAMILY COURT
43 ACT, OR A PERSON OR OFFICIAL REQUIRED TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD
44 PURSUANT TO SECTION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW;

45 B. A PARENT, OTHER PERSON LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CARE OF THE CHILD AS
46 DEFINED BY THE FAMILY COURT ACT, OR A PERSON OR OFFICIAL ACTING IN A
47 PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY REQUIRED TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD PURSU-
48 ANT TO SECTION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW HAS
49 REASONABLE CAUSE TO SUSPECT THAT THE CHILD HAS BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN
50 SEXUALLY ABUSED;

51 C. A CHILD PROTECTIVE AGENCY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE THOUSAND
52 TWELVE OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT, HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT A
53 CHILD IN ITS CUSTODY HAS BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED; OR

54 D. A COURT ORDER DIRECTS A MEDICAL ASSESSMENT OF A CHILD.

55 3. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OR OTHER PERSON
56 IN CHARGE OF EACH HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION TO:

1 A. ADVISE EACH ENROLLEE, IN WRITING, OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
2 SECTION, AND

3 B. ESTABLISH, AND DISCLOSE TO ALL ENROLLEES, PARTICIPATING HEALTH
4 CARE PROVIDERS, THE COMMISSIONER, AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE,
5 METHODS OF ENSURING THAT A CHILD COVERED UNDER THE PLAN WHO HAS OR MAY
6 HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED HAS DIRECT ACCESS TO CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL
7 PROVIDERS AT CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS.

8 4. THE AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT WHICH SHALL BE PAID FOR A MEDICAL
9 ASSESSMENT OF A CHILD BY A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER AT A CHILD ADVOCACY
10 CENTER SHALL EQUAL THE AMOUNT THAT WOULD BE PAID TO A QUALIFIED
11 PROVIDER WITHIN THE PLAN. THERE SHALL BE NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE
12 INSURED BEYOND WHAT THE INSURED WOULD OTHERWISE PAY FOR SERVICES
13 RECEIVED WITHIN THE NETWORK.

14 S 4. Subdivision 1 of section 4408 of the public health law is amended
15 by adding a new paragraph (p-2) to read as follows:

16 (P-2) NOTICE THAT A CHILD ENROLLEE WHO HAS BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXU-
17 ALLY ABUSED SHALL HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER
18 AT A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER;

19 S 5. Subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law is amended by
20 adding a new paragraph 26 to read as follows:

21 (26) (A) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR HOSPITAL, SURGICAL,
22 OR MEDICAL CARE SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING COVERAGE FOR CHILD SEXUAL
23 ABUSE PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH.

24 (B) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE
25 THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

26 (I) "CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER" MEANS A PHYSICIAN LICENSED UNDER
27 ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE OF THE EDUCATION LAW, NURSE PRACTITIONER
28 CERTIFIED UNDER SECTION SIXTY-NINE HUNDRED TEN OF THE EDUCATION LAW, OR
29 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR SPECIALIST ASSISTANT LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE ONE
30 HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE-B OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRACTICE IN THE STATE OF
31 NEW YORK WHO HAS COMPLETED A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER EDUCATION
32 PROGRAM AND PROVIDES MEDICAL ASSESSMENT AND SERVICES TO CHILDREN, WHO
33 HAVE BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED, AT A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER.

34 (II) "CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM
35 OF EDUCATION DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED OR APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
36 HEALTH, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,
37 SPECIFICALLY TO TRAIN PHYSICIANS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, AND PHYSICIAN AND
38 SPECIALIST ASSISTANTS LICENSED TO PRACTICE PURSUANT TO TITLE EIGHT OF
39 THE EDUCATION LAW ABOUT EVALUATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF ABUSED
40 AND MALTREATED CHILDREN.

41 (III) "CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER" MEANS A LOCAL OR REGIONAL MULTIDISCIPLI-
42 NARY TEAM FULLY ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE AND
43 APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE
44 OF INVESTIGATING REPORTS OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT.

45 (IV) "CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE" MEANS ANY OF THE OFFENSES DESCRIBED IN ARTI-
46 CLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY, OR TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE
47 OF THE PENAL LAW WHEN COMMITTED AGAINST A PERSON LESS THAN EIGHTEEN
48 YEARS OF AGE.

49 (V) "MEDICAL ASSESSMENT" MEANS THE EVALUATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREAT-
50 MENT OF A CHILD BY A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER, WHICH INCLUDES BUT IS
51 NOT LIMITED TO A THOROUGH MEDICAL HISTORY AND COMPLETE PHYSICAL AND
52 MENTAL HEALTH EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A CHILD HAS BEEN
53 SEXUALLY ABUSED, DIAGNOSE AND TREAT THE CHILD, AND IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE
54 FOLLOW-UP FOR THE CHILD PURSUANT TO A PROTOCOL APPROVED BY THE DEPART-
55 MENT OF HEALTH IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
56 SERVICES.

(C) NO POLICY SHALL DENY TO A CHILD WHO HAS BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED DIRECT ACCESS TO A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER AT A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER FOR A MEDICAL ASSESSMENT OR LIMIT SUCH ACCESS WHEN:

(I) A CHILD DISCLOSES SEXUAL ABUSE TO A PARENT, OTHER PERSON LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE OF THE CHILD AS DEFINED BY THE FAMILY COURT ACT, OR A PERSON OR OFFICIAL REQUIRED TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD PURSUANT TO SECTION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW;

(II) A PARENT, OTHER PERSON LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CARE OF THE CHILD AS DEFINED IN THE FAMILY COURT ACT, OR A PERSON OR OFFICIAL ACTING IN A PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY REQUIRED TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD PURSUANT TO SECTION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO SUSPECT THAT THE CHILD HAS BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED;

(III) A CHILD PROTECTIVE AGENCY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE THOUSAND TWELVE OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT, HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT A CHILD IN ITS CUSTODY HAS BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED; OR

(IV) A COURT ORDER DIRECTS A MEDICAL ASSESSMENT OF A CHILD.

S 6. Subsection (k) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new paragraph 15 to read as follows:

(15) (A) EVERY INSURER DELIVERING A GROUP OR BLANKET POLICY OR ISSUING A GROUP OR BLANKET POLICY FOR DELIVERY IN THIS STATE WHICH PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR HOSPITAL, SURGICAL, OR MEDICAL CARE SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING COVERAGE FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH.

(B) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

(I) "CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER" MEANS A PHYSICIAN LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE OF THE EDUCATION LAW, NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFIED UNDER SECTION SIXTY-NINE HUNDRED TEN OF THE EDUCATION LAW, OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR SPECIALIST ASSISTANT LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE-B OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRACTICE IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK WHO HAS COMPLETED A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM AND PROVIDES MEDICAL ASSESSMENT AND SERVICES TO CHILDREN, WHO HAVE BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED, AT A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER.

(II) "CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED OR APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, SPECIFICALLY TO TRAIN PHYSICIANS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, AND PHYSICIAN AND SPECIALIST ASSISTANTS LICENSED TO PRACTICE PURSUANT TO TITLE EIGHT OF THE EDUCATION LAW ABOUT EVALUATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF ABUSED AND MALTREATED CHILDREN.

(III) "CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER" MEANS A LOCAL OR REGIONAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM FULLY ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE AND APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING REPORTS OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT.

(IV) "CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE" MEANS ANY OF THE OFFENSES DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY, OR TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OF THE PENAL LAW WHEN COMMITTED AGAINST A PERSON LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

(V) "MEDICAL ASSESSMENT" MEANS THE EVALUATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF A CHILD BY A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER, WHICH INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO A THOROUGH MEDICAL HISTORY AND COMPLETE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A CHILD HAS BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED, DIAGNOSE AND TREAT THE CHILD, AND IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP FOR THE CHILD PURSUANT TO A PROTOCOL APPROVED BY THE DEPART-

MENT OF HEALTH IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.

(C) NO POLICY SHALL DENY TO A CHILD WHO HAS BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED DIRECT ACCESS TO A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER AT A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER FOR A MEDICAL ASSESSMENT OR LIMIT SUCH ACCESS WHEN:

(I) A CHILD DISCLOSES SEXUAL ABUSE TO A PARENT, OTHER PERSON LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE OF THE CHILD AS DEFINED BY THE FAMILY COURT ACT, OR A PERSON OR OFFICIAL REQUIRED TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD PURSUANT TO SECTION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW;

(II) A PARENT, OTHER PERSON LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CARE OF THE CHILD AS DEFINED IN THE FAMILY COURT ACT, OR A PERSON OR OFFICIAL ACTING IN A PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY REQUIRED TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD PURSUANT TO SECTION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO SUSPECT THAT THE CHILD HAS BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED;

(III) A CHILD PROTECTIVE AGENCY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE THOUSAND TWELVE OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT, HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT A CHILD IN ITS CUSTODY HAS BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED; OR

(IV) A COURT ORDER DIRECTS A MEDICAL ASSESSMENT OF A CHILD.

S 7. Section 4303 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new subsection (ff) to read as follows:

(FF) (1) A MEDICAL EXPENSE INDEMNITY CORPORATION, A HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATION OR A HEALTH SERVICE CORPORATION WHICH PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR HOSPITAL, SURGICAL, OR MEDICAL CARE SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING COVERAGE FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.

(2) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

(A) "CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER" MEANS A PHYSICIAN LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE OF THE EDUCATION LAW, NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFIED UNDER SECTION SIXTY-NINE HUNDRED TEN OF THE EDUCATION LAW, OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR SPECIALIST ASSISTANT LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE-B OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRACTICE IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK WHO HAS COMPLETED A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM AND PROVIDES MEDICAL ASSESSMENT AND SERVICES TO CHILDREN, WHO HAVE BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED, AT A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER.

(B) "CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED OR APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, SPECIFICALLY TO TRAIN PHYSICIANS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, AND PHYSICIAN AND SPECIALIST ASSISTANTS LICENSED TO PRACTICE PURSUANT TO TITLE EIGHT OF THE EDUCATION LAW ABOUT EVALUATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF ABUSED AND MALTREATED CHILDREN.

(C) "CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER" MEANS A LOCAL OR REGIONAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM FULLY ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE AND APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING REPORTS OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT.

(D) "CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE" MEANS ANY OF THE OFFENSES DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY, OR TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OF THE PENAL LAW WHEN COMMITTED AGAINST A PERSON LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

(E) "MEDICAL ASSESSMENT" MEANS THE EVALUATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF A CHILD BY A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER, WHICH INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO A THOROUGH MEDICAL HISTORY AND COMPLETE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A CHILD HAS BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED, DIAGNOSE AND TREAT THE CHILD, AND IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE

1 FOLLOW-UP FOR THE CHILD PURSUANT TO A PROTOCOL APPROVED BY THE DEPART-
2 MENT OF HEALTH IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
3 SERVICES.

4 (3) NO POLICY SHALL DENY TO A CHILD WHO HAS BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN
5 SEXUALLY ABUSED DIRECT ACCESS TO A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER AT A
6 CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER FOR A MEDICAL ASSESSMENT OR LIMIT SUCH ACCESS
7 WHEN:

8 (I) A CHILD DISCLOSES SEXUAL ABUSE TO A PARENT, OTHER PERSON LEGALLY
9 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE OF THE CHILD AS DEFINED BY THE FAMILY COURT
10 ACT, OR A PERSON OR OFFICIAL REQUIRED TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD
11 PURSUANT TO SECTION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW;

12 (II) A PARENT, OTHER PERSON LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CARE OF THE CHILD
13 AS DEFINED IN THE FAMILY COURT ACT, OR A PERSON OR OFFICIAL ACTING IN A
14 PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY REQUIRED TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD PURSU-
15 ANT TO SECTION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW HAS
16 REASONABLE CAUSE TO SUSPECT THAT THE CHILD HAS BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN
17 SEXUALLY ABUSED;

18 (III) A CHILD PROTECTIVE AGENCY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE THOUSAND
19 TWELVE OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT, HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT A
20 CHILD IN ITS CUSTODY HAS BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED; OR

21 (IV) A COURT ORDER DIRECTS A MEDICAL ASSESSMENT OF A CHILD.

22 S 8. Paragraphs 16 and 17 of subsection (a) of section 3217-a of the
23 insurance law, as added by chapter 705 of the laws of 1996, are amended
24 and a new paragraph 18 is added to read as follows:

25 (16) notice of all appropriate mailing addresses and telephone numbers
26 to be utilized by insureds seeking information or authorization; [and]

27 (17) where applicable, a listing by specialty, which may be in a sepa-
28 rate document that is updated annually, of the name, address, and tele-
29 phone number of all participating providers, including facilities, and
30 in addition, in the case of physicians, board certification[.]; AND

31 (18) WHERE APPLICABLE, NOTICE OF THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH
32 TWENTY-FIVE OF SUBSECTION (I) OF SECTION THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED
33 SIXTEEN AND PARAGRAPH FIFTEEN OF SUBSECTION (K) OF SECTION THREE THOU-
34 SAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE OF THIS ARTICLE AND OF METHODS OF ENSURING
35 THAT A CHILD COVERED UNDER THE POLICY WHO HAS BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN
36 SEXUALLY ABUSED HAS DIRECT ACCESS TO CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDERS AT
37 CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS.

38 S 9. Paragraphs 17 and 18 of subsection (a) of section 4324 of the
39 insurance law, as added by chapter 705 of the laws of 1996, are amended
40 and a new paragraph 19 is added to read as follows:

41 (17) where applicable, a listing by specialty, which may be in a sepa-
42 rate document that is updated annually, of the name, address, and tele-
43 phone number of all participating providers, including facilities, and
44 in addition, in the case of physicians, board certification; [and]

45 (18) a description of the mechanisms by which subscribers may partic-
46 ipate in the development of the policies of the corporation[.]; AND

47 (19) WHERE APPLICABLE, NOTICE OF THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (EE) OF
48 SECTION FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THREE OF THIS ARTICLE AND OF METHODS
49 OF ENSURING THAT A CHILD COVERED UNDER THE POLICY WHO HAS BEEN OR MAY
50 HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED HAS DIRECT ACCESS TO CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL
51 PROVIDERS AT CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS.

52 S 10. Subdivision 1 of section 364-j of the social services law is
53 amended by adding a new paragraph (z) to read as follows:

54 (Z) (I) "CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER" MEANS A PHYSICIAN LICENSED
55 UNDER ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE OF THE EDUCATION LAW, NURSE PRACTI-
56 TIONER CERTIFIED UNDER SECTION SIXTY-NINE HUNDRED TEN OF THE EDUCATION

1 LAW, OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR SPECIALIST ASSISTANT LICENSED UNDER ARTI-
2 CLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE-B OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRACTICE IN THE
3 STATE OF NEW YORK WHO HAS COMPLETED A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER
4 EDUCATION PROGRAM AND PROVIDES MEDICAL ASSESSMENT AND SERVICES TO CHIL-
5 DREN, WHO HAVE BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED, AT A CHILD ADVOCA-
6 CY CENTER.

7 (II) "CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM
8 OF EDUCATION DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED OR APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 HEALTH, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,
10 SPECIFICALLY TO TRAIN PHYSICIANS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, AND PHYSICIAN AND
11 SPECIALIST ASSISTANTS LICENSED TO PRACTICE PURSUANT TO TITLE EIGHT OF
12 THE EDUCATION LAW ABOUT EVALUATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF ABUSED
13 AND MALTREATED CHILDREN.

14 (III) "CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER" MEANS A LOCAL OR REGIONAL MULTIDISCIPLI-
15 NARY TEAM FULLY ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE AND
16 APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE
17 OF INVESTIGATING REPORTS OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT.

18 (IV) "CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE" MEANS ANY OF THE OFFENSES DESCRIBED IN ARTI-
19 CLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY OR TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OF
20 THE PENAL LAW WHEN COMMITTED AGAINST A PERSON LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS
21 OF AGE.

22 (V) "MEDICAL ASSESSMENT" MEANS THE EVALUATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREAT-
23 MENT OF A CHILD BY A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER, WHICH INCLUDES BUT IS
24 NOT LIMITED TO A THOROUGH MEDICAL HISTORY AND COMPLETE PHYSICAL AND
25 MENTAL HEALTH EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A CHILD HAS BEEN
26 SEXUALLY ABUSED, DIAGNOSE AND TREAT THE CHILD, AND IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE
27 FOLLOW-UP FOR THE CHILD PURSUANT TO A PROTOCOL APPROVED BY THE DEPART-
28 MENT OF HEALTH IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
29 SERVICES.

30 S 11. Subparagraphs (ix) and (x) of paragraph (e) of subdivision 3 of
31 section 364-j of the social services law, as amended by chapter 648 of
32 the laws of 1999, are amended and a new paragraph (xi) is added to read
33 as follows:

34 (ix) HIV COBRA case management; [and]

35 (x) other services as determined by the commissioner of health[.]; AND

36 (XI) MEDICAL ASSESSMENT OF A CHILD WHO HAS BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXU-
37 ALLY ABUSED, WHICH ASSESSMENT SHALL INSTEAD BE REFERRED IMMEDIATELY AND
38 DIRECTLY TO A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER AT A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER.

39 S 12. Subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 4
40 of section 364-j of the social services law, as amended by section 14 of
41 part C of chapter 58 of the laws of 2004, are amended and a new subpara-
42 graph (iv) is added to read as follows:

43 (ii) provided, however, if a major public hospital, as defined in the
44 public health law, is designated by the commissioner of health as a
45 managed care provider in a social services district the commissioner of
46 health shall designate at least one other managed care provider which is
47 not a major public hospital or facility operated by a major public
48 hospital; [and]

49 (iii) under a managed care program, not all managed care providers
50 must be required to provide the same set of medical assistance services.
51 The managed care program shall establish procedures through which
52 participants will be assured access to all medical assistance services
53 to which they are otherwise entitled, other than through the managed
54 care provider, where:

55 (A) the service is not reasonably available directly or indirectly
56 from the managed care provider,

(B) it is necessary because of emergency or geographic unavailability,
or

(C) the services provided are family planning services; or

(D) the services are dental services and are provided by a diagnostic and treatment center licensed under article twenty-eight of the public health law which is affiliated with an academic dental center and which has been granted an operating certificate pursuant to article twenty-eight of the public health law to provide such dental services. Any diagnostic and treatment center providing dental services pursuant to this clause shall prior to June first of each year report to the governor, temporary president of the senate and speaker of the assembly on the following: the total number of visits made by medical assistance recipients during the immediately preceding calendar year; the number of visits made by medical assistance recipients during the immediately preceding calendar year by recipients who were enrolled in managed care programs; the number of visits made by medical assistance recipients during the immediately preceding calendar year by recipients who were enrolled in managed care programs that provide dental benefits as a covered service; and the number of visits made by the uninsured during the immediately preceding calendar year; or

(E) other services as defined by the commissioner of health[.]; AND

(IV) MEDICAL ASSESSMENT OF A CHILD WHO HAS BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED SHALL BE REFERRED IMMEDIATELY AND DIRECTLY TO A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER AT A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER.

S 13. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 368-g to read as follows:

S 368-G. REIMBURSEMENT FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MEDICAL ASSESSMENT. 1. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

(A) "CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER" MEANS A PHYSICIAN LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE OF THE EDUCATION LAW, NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFIED UNDER SECTION SIXTY-NINE HUNDRED TEN OF THE EDUCATION LAW, OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR SPECIALIST ASSISTANT LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE-B OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO PRACTICE IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK WHO HAS COMPLETED A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM AND PROVIDES MEDICAL ASSESSMENT AND SERVICES TO CHILDREN, WHO HAVE BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED, AT A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER.

(B) "CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED OR APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, SPECIFICALLY TO TRAIN PHYSICIANS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, AND PHYSICIAN AND SPECIALIST ASSISTANTS LICENSED TO PRACTICE PURSUANT TO TITLE EIGHT OF THE EDUCATION LAW ABOUT EVALUATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF ABUSED AND MALTREATED CHILDREN.

(C) "CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER" MEANS A LOCAL OR REGIONAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM FULLY ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE AND APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING REPORTS OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT.

(D) "CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE" MEANS ANY OF THE OFFENSES DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY, AND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OF THE PENAL LAW WHEN COMMITTED AGAINST A PERSON LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

(E) "MEDICAL ASSESSMENT" MEANS THE EVALUATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF A CHILD BY A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER, WHICH INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO A THOROUGH MEDICAL HISTORY AND COMPLETE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A CHILD HAS BEEN

1 SEXUALLY ABUSED, DIAGNOSE AND TREAT THE CHILD, AND IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE
2 FOLLOW-UP FOR THE CHILD PURSUANT TO A PROTOCOL APPROVED BY THE DEPART-
3 MENT OF HEALTH IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
4 SERVICES.

5 2. A SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT SHALL REIMBURSE A CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL
6 PROVIDER AT A CHILD CARE CENTER ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING AS COMPREHENSIVE
7 HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM AT THE MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT
8 OF HEALTH MAY PAY FOR PROVIDING OR ARRANGING FOR MEDICAL ASSESSMENT OF A
9 CHILD WHO HAS BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
10 THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER.

11 3. CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS THAT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING AS COMPRE-
12 HENSIVE HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAMS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING
13 MEDICAL ASSESSMENTS AND SERVICES TO CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN OR MAY HAVE
14 BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED PURSUANT TO A PROTOCOL APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT
15 OF HEALTH IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
16 SERVICES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

17 (A) MEDICAL EVALUATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF THE CHILD BY A
18 CHILD ABUSE MEDICAL PROVIDER, WHICH INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO A
19 THOROUGH MEDICAL HISTORY AND COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE
20 WHETHER OR NOT A CHILD HAS BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED;

21 (B) DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF THE CHILD;

22 (C) IDENTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP FOR THE CHILD; AND

23 (D) COORDINATION OF THE MEDICAL ASSESSMENT WITH A MULTIDISCIPLINARY
24 INVESTIGATION AND FOLLOW-UP OF SUCH CHILD.

25 4. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE PER UNIT RATE OF
26 PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL ASSESSMENT AND SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE CHILD ADVO-
27 CACY CENTERS TO CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN OR MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED
28 AND WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENTS MADE BY STATE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES
29 SHALL BE INCREASED TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS PER
30 UNIT.

31 S 14. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day
32 after it shall have become a law; provided that the departments of
33 health, insurance and family assistance are authorized to promulgate any
34 and all rules and regulations and take any other measures necessary to
35 implement this act on its effective date on or before such date; and
36 provided further that the amendments to subdivisions 1, 3 and 4 of
37 section 364-j of the social services law made by sections ten, eleven
38 and twelve of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and
39 shall be deemed repealed therewith.