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Introduced by M. of A. LATIMER, CLARK, GALEF, BENEDETTO, MAGNARELLI,
GREENE, ESPAILLAT, SCHROEDER, COOK, BRADLEY -- Multi-Sponsored by --
M. of A. DelMONTE, LUPARDO, McENENY, PHEFFER, REILLY, ROBINSON, ROSEN-
THAL, WEISENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the post polio
sequelae public awareness program

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

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 207 of the public health law, as
2 amended by chapter 471 of the laws of 2007 and paragraphs (f) as added
3 by chapters 570 and 573 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as
4 follows:
5 1. There is hereby created within the department the health care and
6 wellness education and outreach program. The department shall conduct
7 education and outreach programs for consumers, patients, and health care
8 providers relating to [any health care matters the commissioner deems
9 appropriate and]:
10 (a) Various health conditions, diseases and health care procedures and
11 treatment options.
12 (b) Recommended preventative and wellness practices and services,
13 including age and gender appropriate testing and screening exams and
14 immunization schedules.
15 (c) Lymphedema, an abnormal swelling of the extremities including the
16 causes and symptoms of lymphedema, the value of early detection, possi-
17 ble options for treatment including their benefits and risks, and other
18 relevant information and the recommendation that hospitals treating
19 breast cancer patients implement a lymphedema alert program by placing a
20 bright pink wristband on the patient's affected arm.
21 (d) The need and importance of organ and tissue donation, including
22 information about being registered as an organ and tissue donor and
23 executing documents of gift under article forty-three of this chapter.

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

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1 (e) The need and importance for consumers and patients to have an
2 advance directive, particularly a health care proxy, and the need and
3 importance for health care providers to play a leadership role in
4 discussing end-of-life care preferences and values with patients and to
5 provide patients with health care proxy forms.

6 (f) Uterine fibroids, an abnormal growth that occurs in the uterus,
7 including the causes and symptoms of uterine fibroids, the value of
8 early detection, possible options for treatment including their benefits
9 and risks, information on the elevated risk for minority women and other
10 relevant information.

11 [(f)] (G) Improving birth outcomes, including the importance of
12 preconceptional care, early prenatal care, considerations of health
13 risks during pregnancy, considerations of benefits and risks of labor
14 and delivery options including, but not limited to, vaginal and cesarean
15 section delivery, elective or repeat cesarean sections, and appropriate
16 use of drugs during delivery.

17 (H) POST-POLIOMYELITIS SEQUELAE, AN AFTER-EFFECT OF POLIO THAT CAN
18 OCCUR MANY YEARS AFTER THE INITIAL INCIDENCE OF THE DISEASE.

19 (I) ANY OTHER HEALTH CARE-RELATED MATTERS AS THE COMMISSIONER DEEMS
20 APPROPRIATE.

21 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.