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AN ACT to amend the public health law and the mental hygiene law, in  
relation to directing the commissioner of health and the commissioner  
of mental retardation and developmental disabilities to promulgate  
rules and regulations requiring every child beginning at the age of  
eighteen months to be examined for autism spectrum disorders; and to  
repeal section 2500-j of the public health law relating to screening  
children for autism spectrum disorders

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

1     Section 1. Section 2500-j of the public health law is REPEALED.  
2     S 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2500-k  
3     to read as follows:  
4     S 2500-K. PEDIATRIC WELLNESS VISITS; SCREENING FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM  
5     DISORDERS. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL, JOINTLY WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF  
6     MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND ON OR BEFORE MAY  
7     FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN, PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS REQUIRING  
8     EVERY PEDIATRIC PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER, CONDUCTING A WELLNESS AND PREVEN-  
9     TATIVE CARE EXAMINATION, ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN,  
10    OF A CHILD EIGHTEEN MONTHS OF AGE OR OLDER, TO SCREEN SUCH CHILD FOR  
11    AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS.  
12    2. IN ADDITION, SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES  
13    AND PROTOCOLS FOR:  
14    (A) THE BEST PRACTICES FOR THE SCREENING FOR AND DIAGNOSIS OF AUTISM  
15    SPECTRUM DISORDERS;  
16    (B) THE EMPLOYMENT OF OBJECTIVE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER TOOLS; AND  
17    (C) THE APPROPRIATE REFERRAL MECHANISM FOR CHILDREN, WHO BASED UPON  
18    THE RESULTS OF SCREENING FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS, REQUIRE FURTHER  
19    EVALUATION.

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

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1 3. IF THE COMMISSIONER AND THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND  
2 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SHALL FAIL TO PROMULGATE, ON OR BEFORE MAY  
3 FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS REQUIRED BY SUBDIVI-  
4 SIONS ONE AND TWO OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT AND IMPE-  
5 MENT THE RELEVANT FEDERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING THERETO.

6 S 3. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 16.39  
7 to read as follows:

8 S 16.39 PEDIATRIC WELLNESS VISITS; SCREENING FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISOR-  
9 DERS.

10 THE COMMISSIONER SHALL, JOINTLY WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, AND  
11 ON OR BEFORE MAY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN, PROMULGATE ANY AND ALL RULES  
12 AND REGULATIONS REQUIRED BY SUBDIVISIONS ONE AND TWO OF SECTION TWENTY-  
13 FIVE HUNDRED-K OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW RELATING TO THE SCREENING OF  
14 CHILDREN FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS.

15 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately, except that section one  
16 of this act shall take effect September 1, 2010.