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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing the arthritis disease management, outreach and education program

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new article 27-M to read as follows:

ARTICLE 27-M

ARTHRITIS DISEASE MANAGEMENT,
OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

SECTION 2799-T. ARTHRITIS DISEASE MANAGEMENT, OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM.

S 2799-T. ARTHRITIS DISEASE MANAGEMENT, OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM. 1. THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO ESTABLISH THE ARTHRITIS DISEASE MANAGEMENT, OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR MEDICAL AND NON-MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AND PERSONNEL WHO PROVIDE SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF THE STATE, AND FOR CONSUMERS, CAREGIVERS, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WORKING WITH OR ON BEHALF OF PERSONS WITH ARTHRITIS. THE PURPOSE OF SUCH PROGRAM SHALL BE TO:

(A) PROMOTE EARLIER IDENTIFICATION OF ARTHRITIS;

(B) PROMOTE THE AVAILABILITY OF NATIONALLY DEVELOPED, EVIDENCE-BASED DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS;

(C) PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE ON WHERE TO FIND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES, INCLUDING SUPPORT GROUPS AND SERVICES, AND TO SERVE AS A CLEARINGHOUSE FOR RELATED INFORMATION; AND

(D) PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF AND ACCESS TO SUCH RESOURCES AND INFORMATION CONCERNING ARTHRITIS THAT THE COMMISSIONER DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

2. THE ARTHRITIS DISEASE MANAGEMENT, OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE, BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

(A) ON-GOING TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF CURRICULUM AND CERTIFYING COURSE INSTRUCTORS RELATED TO BEST PRACTICES IN ARTHRITIS DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS;

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

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(B) OFFERING FREE ARTHRITIS DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS AT COMMUNITY SITES THROUGHOUT THE STATE;

(C) RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTING OF HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS;

(D) PROMOTING PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS THROUGH DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS AT PUBLIC ACCESS POINTS AND FORUMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE; AND

(E) ESTABLISHMENT OF TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE HOTLINES AND ELECTRONIC SERVICES TO PROVIDE INFORMATION.

3. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRODUCE AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR REPRODUCTION, OR CONTRACT WITH OTHERS TO DEVELOP SUCH MATERIALS MENTIONED IN THIS SECTION AS THE COMMISSIONER DEEMS APPROPRIATE. THESE MATERIALS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE AS APPROPRIATE OR FOR A FEE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. THE COMMISSIONER MAY REQUIRE ANY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO MAKE THESE MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO PATIENTS WHERE APPROPRIATE AND ENCOURAGE NON-MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AND PERSONNEL TO MAKE THEM AVAILABLE TO THE CLIENTS THEY SERVE.

4. IN EXERCISING ANY OF HIS OR HER POWERS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS, ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING PERSONS WITH ARTHRITIS, CONSUMERS, PATIENTS, AND ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING PATIENTS.

5. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL INFORMATION AND MATERIALS PRODUCED UNDER THIS SECTION ARE MAINTAINED AND UPDATED TO REFLECT BEST PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND ARE CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE FOR THE COMMUNITIES SERVED BY THE ARTHRITIS DISEASE MANAGEMENT, OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST ELECTRONIC COPIES OF OUTREACH MATERIAL, INCLUDING BEST PRACTICES, ON ITS INTERNET WEBSITE.

6. THE COMMISSIONER MAY APPOINT AN ADVISORY COUNCIL RELATED TO THE VARIOUS MATTERS ADDRESSED BY THIS SECTION. SUCH COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE REPRESENTATION OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS, ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING PERSONS WITH ARTHRITIS, CONSUMERS, PATIENTS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE INTERESTS. THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES, BUT SHALL BE ALLOWED THEIR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

7. IN ADDITION TO SUCH MONEY AS MAY BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ACCEPT GRANTS FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCES. THE COMMISSIONER, IN ADMINISTERING THIS SECTION, SHALL SEEK TO COORDINATE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS SECTION WITH OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS, AND MAY UNDERTAKE JOINT OR COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS WITH OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITIES.

8. THE COMMISSIONER MAY PROMULGATE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SHALL BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.