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BERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to directing the
department of health to contract with community-based and not-for-pro-
fit organizations for the provision of information on health care
services and benefits available to immigrants

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

1 Section 1. Paragraphs (u) and (v) of subdivision 1 of section 201 of
2 the public health law, paragraph (u) as added by chapter 939 of the laws
3 of 1976 and paragraph (v) as added by chapter 474 of the laws of 1996,
4 are amended and a new paragraph (w) is added to read as follows:
5 (u) engage in research into the causes of rocky mountain spotted
6 fever and the prevention thereof and develop programs for the control of
7 ticks, insects and [arthropods] ARTHROPODS which act as vectors of
8 disease affecting man, within funds made available for such purposes[.];
9 (v) act as the single state agency for medical assistance, pursuant to
10 section three hundred sixty-three-a of the social services law, [as
11 amended by this chapter,] with responsibility to supervise the plan for
12 medical assistance as required by title XIX of the federal Social Secu-
13 rity act, or its successor, and to adopt regulations as may be necessary
14 to implement this plan[.]; AND
15 (w)(I) WITHIN AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED THEREFOR, CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY-
16 BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF
17 OUTREACH, INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO NATURALIZED CITIZENS
18 AND ALIENS ON HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND BENEFITS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO
19 SUCH PERSONS. SUCH OUTREACH, INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES SHALL:
20 (A) DESIGNATE WHICH HEALTH CARE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO SUCH PERSONS
21 IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THEY RESIDE;

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

1 (B) INCLUDE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

2 (1) MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, PURSUANT TO
3 TITLE ELEVEN OF ARTICLE FIVE OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW,

4 (2) FAMILY HEALTH PLUS, PURSUANT TO TITLE ELEVEN-D OF ARTICLE FIVE OF
5 THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW,

6 (3) CHILD HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN, PURSUANT TO TITLE ONE-A OF ARTICLE
7 TWENTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER, AND

8 (4) ANY OTHER HEALTH BENEFIT PROGRAM THE COMMISSIONER DEEMS APPROPRI-
9 ATE;

10 (C) PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE MANNER IN WHICH TO APPLY FOR SUCH
11 PROGRAMS; AND

12 (D) BE PROVIDED IN A MANNER AND THE LANGUAGE WHICH IS MOST APPROPRIATE
13 FOR THE COMMUNITY TO WHICH THE OUTREACH, INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL
14 SERVICES ARE TO BE PROVIDED.

15 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS NECES-
16 SARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH. IN ADDITION, THE
17 DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ALL EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS NECESSARY TO IMPE-
18 MENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH AND SHALL PAY THE COSTS OF
19 DISTRIBUTING SUCH MATERIALS.

20 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
21 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that any actions neces-
22 sary for the implementation of the provisions of this act on its effec-
23 tive date are authorized and directed to be taken on or before such
24 date.