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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing a task force on women's health care and managed care and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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 section 4406-f to read as follows:

S 4406-F. TASK FORCE ON WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE AND MANAGED CARE. 1. THERE IS HEREBY CREATED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT A TASK FORCE ON WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE AND MANAGED CARE. THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONSIST OF THIRTEEN MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS: SEVEN MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, INCLUDING ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT; TWO MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY; ONE MEMBER TO BE APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY; TWO MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND ONE MEMBER TO BE APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE. THE MEMBER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE TASK FORCE AND THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH MAY ASSIGN SUCH PERSONNEL WITHIN THE AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED AS IS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

2. THE TASK FORCE SHALL STUDY AND EVALUATE THE EXISTING STATE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE AND HOW SUCH CARE IS AFFECTED BY MANAGED CARE. IN CONDUCTING THIS STUDY THE TASK FORCE SHALL UTILIZE THE DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF WOMEN'S HEALTH AND THE OFFICE OF MANAGED CARE FOR THE PURPOSES OF GATHERING INFORMATION REGARDING THE TASK FORCE'S DUTIES AS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.

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

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3. ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, ON OR BEFORE JULY FIRST OF EACH YEAR, THE TASK FORCE SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE A REPORT WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

(A) INFORMATION PERTAINING TO ANY DEFICIENCIES IN WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE AND WHETHER SUCH DEFICIENCIES ARE EXACERBATED BY MANAGED CARE;

(B) RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING HOW WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE CAN BE IMPROVED BOTH GENERALLY AND SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO MANAGED CARE; AND

(C) INFORMATION RELATIVE TO RESOURCES EXPENDED FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE IN MANAGED CARE IN COMPARISON WITH RESOURCES EXPENDED FOR MEN'S HEALTH CARE IN MANAGED CARE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed September 1, 2010.