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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. DUANE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. ABBATE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to determining eligibility for the child health plus program, the medical assistance program and the family health plus program

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

Section 1. Subdivision 24 of section 206 of the public health law, as amended by section 69 of part C of chapter 58 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

24. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner is authorized to receive applications and to determine initial and continuing eligibility for enrollment under the child health plus program established under title I-A of article twenty-five of this chapter, the medical assistance program established under title eleven of article five of the social services law, and the family health plus program established under title eleven-D of such article. The commissioner may exercise such authority with respect to all residents, or a subset of residents, of one or more local social services districts. The commissioner is authorized to enter into one or more contracts, which contracts shall be procured on a competitive basis pursuant to a request for proposal process, for the purpose of exercising his or her authority under this subdivision. State employees shall supervise and provide oversight and quality assurance monitoring of contract staff activities. Provided further, the department shall [endeavor to] use state employees in exercising the commissioner's authority under this subdivision.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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