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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to authorizing a pilot program for enhanced prior approval of high cost diagnostic radiology services

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

1 Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section
2 369-gg to read as follows:
3 S 369-GG. PILOT PROGRAM FOR ENHANCED PRIOR APPROVAL OF HIGH COST DIAG-
4 NOSTIC RADIOLOGY SERVICES. 1. PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED
5 SIXTY-THREE OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW, THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH SHALL,
6 WITHIN THE FISCAL YEAR OF TWO THOUSAND NINE-TWO THOUSAND TEN, CONTRACT
7 WITH QUALIFIED BIDDERS TO PERFORM PILOT PROJECTS TO ASSESS THE FEASIBIL-
8 ITY OF REDUCING MEDICALLY UNNECESSARY HIGH COST RADIOLOGICAL PROCEDURES
9 AND GENERALIZING COST SAVINGS TO THE STATE THROUGH ENHANCED MEDICAL
10 MANAGEMENT AND PRIOR REVIEW OF ORDERS FOR DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING.
11 2. THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH SHALL SELECT AN ENTITY TO PERFORM SUCH
12 PILOT PROJECT UTILIZING THE FOLLOWING SELECTION CRITERIA:
13 (A) THE ENTITY SHALL HAVE AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S EXPERIENCE UTILIZING AND
14 CURRENTLY UTILIZING LICENSED PROFESSIONALS TO CONDUCT INTAKE OF
15 PATIENTS;
16 (B) THE ENTITY SHALL HAVE AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S EXPERIENCE UTILIZING AND
17 CURRENTLY UTILIZING ONLY LICENSED RADIOLOGISTS TO MAKE PRIOR REVIEW
18 DETERMINATIONS;
19 (C) THE ENTITY SHALL HAVE AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S EXPERIENCE UTILIZING AND
20 CURRENTLY UTILIZING LICENSED RADIOLOGISTS TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMA-
21 TION, AS NECESSARY, FROM THE TREATING PROVIDER;
22 (D) THE ENTITY SHALL BE BASED IN NEW YORK AND AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT
23 OF THE ENTITY'S EMPLOYEES SHALL RESIDE IN NEW YORK.

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

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1 S 2. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this act
2 shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid,
3 such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder
4 thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence,
5 paragraph, section, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy
6 in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

7 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.