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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to directing the commissioner of health to establish a program to engage at-risk pregnant women in early and continuous prenatal care to prevent complications during childbirth

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 2531 to read as follows:

S 2531. REDUCING NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE ADMISSIONS. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL, ON OR BEFORE JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND NINE, ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO ENGAGE AT-RISK PREGNANT WOMEN IN EARLY AND CONTINUOUS PRENATAL CARE TO PREVENT COMPLICATIONS DURING CHILDBIRTH AND TO REDUCE NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE ADMISSIONS. WITHIN THE AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED THEREFOR, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE INCREASED FUNDING FOR ENHANCED CARE MANAGEMENT OF HIGH-RISK PREGNANT WOMEN THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED OUTREACH PROGRAMS. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE PSYCHO-SOCIAL CARE MANAGEMENT COUPLED WITH ASSISTANCE FROM OBSTETRICIANS AND/OR PRENATAL CARE ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS IDENTIFYING HIGH-RISK PREGNANCIES. THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF INCREASED FUNDING FOR ENHANCED CARE MANAGEMENT, SHALL BE MODELED AFTER A SIMILAR PROGRAM SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED IN THE COUNTY OF MONROE.

2. ON OR BEFORE JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL SUBMIT, TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE, A REPORT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ON REDUCING NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE ADMISSIONS AND EXPENDITURES UNDER THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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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