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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to access to prescription drug coverage

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 2804-b to read as follows:

S 2804-B. RESIDENTIAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES; ACCESS TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE UNDER THE ELDERLY PHARMACEUTICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE PROGRAM. A RESIDENTIAL HEALTH CARE FACILITY SHALL ENSURE THAT A RESIDENT WHO IS ENROLLED IN THE ELDERLY PHARMACEUTICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE PROGRAM (EPIC) UNDER TITLE THREE OF ARTICLE TWO OF THE ELDER LAW SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE UNDER EPIC FOR ANY COVERED DRUGS, AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED FORTY-ONE OF THE ELDER LAW, DISPENSED TO THE RESIDENT BY THE RESIDENTIAL HEALTH CARE FACILITY.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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