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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to Medicaid payments to free-standing clinics licensed pursuant to article thirty-one of the mental hygiene law

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (e) of subdivision 2-a of  
2 section 2807 of the public health law, as amended by section 15 of part  
3 C of chapter 58 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:  
4 (ii) Notwithstanding this subdivision and any other contrary provision  
5 of law, the commissioner may incorporate within the payment methodology  
6 described in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph payment for services  
7 provided by facilities pursuant to licensure under the mental hygiene  
8 law, provided, however, that such APG payment methodology may be phased  
9 into effect in accordance with a schedule or schedules as jointly deter-  
10 mined by the commissioner, the commissioner of mental health, the  
11 commissioner of alcoholism and substance abuse services, and the commis-  
12 sioner of mental retardation and developmental disabilities. NOTWITH-  
13 STANDING ANY CONTRARY PROVISION OF LAW, ANY SUCH APG PAYMENT OR ANY  
14 OTHER NEW PAYMENT METHODOLOGY ESTABLISHED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE  
15 OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND TEN THAT AMENDED THIS SUBPAR-  
16 AGRAPH, FOR FREE-STANDING CLINICS LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE  
17 THIRTY-ONE OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW SHALL INCLUDE ENHANCED REIMBURSE-  
18 MENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN WHO  
19 ARE SERIOUSLY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED AND INDIVIDUALS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF  
20 AGE AND OLDER WHO HAVE A SERIOUS AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS. INDIVID-  
21 UALS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN WHO ARE SERIOUSLY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED  
22 AND INDIVIDUALS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER WHO HAVE A SERIOUS AND  
23 PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS SHALL MEAN INDIVIDUALS WHO MEET CRITERIA  
24 DEFINED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH IN REGULATION.  
25 S 2. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 2-a of section 2807 of the public  
26 health law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (iii) to read as  
27 follows:

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

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1 (III) THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE  
2 COMMISSIONER, SHALL PROVIDE INITIAL AND CONTINUING REPORTS TO THE GOVER-  
3 NOR, TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE,  
4 SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, AND MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY ON THE  
5 IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED APG PAYMENT METHODOLOGY OR ANY OTHER NEW PAYMENT  
6 METHODOLOGY ESTABLISHED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBPARA-  
7 GRAPH ON FREE-STANDING CLINICS LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE  
8 OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW.

9 (A) THE INITIAL REPORT SHALL BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION  
10 OF ANY APG PAYMENT RATES OR ANY OTHER NEW PAYMENT METHODOLOGY ESTAB-  
11 LISHED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH FOR  
12 FREE-STANDING CLINICS LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE OF THE  
13 MENTAL HYGIENE LAW AND SHALL INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACT  
14 ON SUCH CLINICS, INCLUDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT LOSSES AND GAINS  
15 FOR EACH CLINIC AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED APG PAYMENT METHODOLOGY AND THE  
16 POTENTIAL IMPACT ON ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BY PATIENTS,  
17 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN WHO  
18 ARE SERIOUSLY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED AND INDIVIDUALS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF  
19 AGE AND OLDER WHO HAVE A SERIOUS AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS.

20 (B) AN ANNUAL REPORT SHALL BE PROVIDED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER  
21 THIRTY-FIRST OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER ON THE IMPACT OF THE APG PAYMENT  
22 METHODOLOGY OR ANY OTHER NEW PAYMENT METHODOLOGY ESTABLISHED ON OR AFTER  
23 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH ON FREE-STANDING CLINICS  
24 LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW. SUCH  
25 REPORT SHALL INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACT ON SUCH CLIN-  
26 ICS, INCLUDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT LOSSES AND GAINS FOR EVERY  
27 INDIVIDUAL CLINIC AFFECTED BY THE APG PAYMENT METHODOLOGY, THE POTENTIAL  
28 IMPACT ON ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BY PATIENTS, INCLUDING BUT  
29 NOT LIMITED TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN WHO ARE SERIOUSLY  
30 EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED AND INDIVIDUALS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER  
31 WHO HAVE A SERIOUS AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS, AND MEASUREMENT OF ANY  
32 SHIFT OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FROM FREE-STANDING CLINICS LICENSED  
33 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW TO HOSPITAL  
34 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS AND INPATIENT HOSPITAL SETTINGS.

35 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.