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April 21, 2010

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to establishing mental health parity in public health insurance plans

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

Section 1. Subparagraph (ix) of paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 of section 369-ee of the social services law, as added by chapter 1 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

(ix) inpatient and outpatient mental health and alcohol and substance abuse services, as defined by the commissioner, PROVIDED THAT COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES SHALL BE PROVIDED ON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE COVERAGE FOR OTHER COVERED HEALTH CARE SERVICES;

S 2. The commissioner of health is authorized to submit amendments to the state plan for medical assistance and submit one or more applications for waivers of the federal social security act as may be necessary to obtain the federal approvals necessary to implement this chapter.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of April 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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