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AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services to develop educational materials for health care providers relating to abuse and misuse of prescription drugs

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

Section 1. Section 19.07 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new subdivision (i) to read as follows:

(I) THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, SHALL DEVELOP AND PUBLISH, IN ELECTRONIC OR OTHER FORMAT, EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, AS DEFINED BY SUBDIVISION SIX OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW TO: ASSIST HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN RECOGNIZING THE SYMPTOMS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE; PROVIDE EVIDENCE-BASED DRUG SCREENING INSTRUMENTS; AND IDENTIFY RESOURCES TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PATIENT REFERRALS TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS. ALL EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS REFERENCED IN THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE OFFICIAL WEBSITES OF THE OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND BY ANY OTHER MEANS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE COMMISSIONER.

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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