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Introduced by Sen. AVELLA -- 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 providing all blind and visually impaired patients with an audio recording of the discharge plan and preadmission information

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

Section 1. Subdivision 9 of section 2803-i of the public health law is renumbered subdivision 10 and a new subdivision 9 is added to read as follows:

9. UPON DISCHARGE OF A BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PATIENT, A HOSPITAL SHALL OFFER TO PROVIDE THE PATIENT'S DISCHARGE PLAN AS AN AUDIO RECORDING, TO BE MADE AVAILABLE ACCORDING TO THE PREFERENCE OF SUCH PATIENT OR SUCH PATIENT'S REPRESENTATIVE ON COMPACT DISC OR OTHER MEDIUM AS THE HOSPITAL MAY OFFER, OR AS AN ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED DIGITAL FILE, IN ADDITION TO A WRITTEN COPY OF THE DISCHARGE PLAN.

S 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2803-t to read as follows:

S 2803-T. PREADMISSION INFORMATION. ANY HOSPITAL THAT PROVIDES PREADMISSION INFORMATION TO A PATIENT, SHALL OFFER A BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PATIENT SUCH INFORMATION AS AN AUDIO RECORDING, TO BE MADE AVAILABLE ACCORDING TO THE PREFERENCE OF SUCH PATIENT OR SUCH PATIENT'S REPRESENTATIVE ON COMPACT DISC OR OTHER MEDIUM AS THE HOSPITAL MAY OFFER, OR AS AN ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED DIGITAL FILE, IN ADDITION TO A WRITTEN COPY OF ANY PREADMISSION INFORMATION.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after 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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