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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to registration of office-based surgery facilities and payments for the use thereof

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 230-d of the public health law is
2 amended by adding two new paragraphs (j) and (k) to read as follows:
3 (J) "LICENSEE PRACTICE" SHALL MEAN AN OFFICE-BASED SURGERY FACILITY,
4 WHICH HAS ACCREDITED STATUS. SUCH A FACILITY MAY OPERATE UNDER THE
5 LICENSE OF THE LICENSEE.
6 (K) "HEALTH PLAN" SHALL MEAN AN INSURER LICENSED PURSUANT TO THE
7 INSURANCE LAW TO WRITE ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE, OR A NON-PROFIT
8 MEDICAL AND DENTAL INDEMNITY, OR HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATION
9 LICENSED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE FORTY-THREE OF THE INSURANCE LAW, OR A
10 HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE FORTY-FOUR
11 OF THIS CHAPTER.
12 S 2. Section 230-d of the public health law is amended by adding two
13 new subdivisions 3-a and 6 to read as follows:
14 3-A. (A) EVERY FACILITY OPERATED AS AN OFFICE-BASED SURGERY PRACTICE
15 OR SETTING SHALL, NOT LATER THAN JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN,
16 IN ADDITION TO OBTAINING AND MAINTAINING FULL ACCREDITED STATUS, HOLD A
17 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION ISSUED BY THE ACCREDITING AGENCY, IN CONSUL-
18 TATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT. THE ACCREDITING AGENCY SHALL ISSUE A CERTIF-
19 ICATE TO AN APPLICANT LICENSEE PRACTICE WHICH:

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

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1 (I) FILES AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION IN SUCH FORM AND HAVING SUCH
2 CONTENT AS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE ACCREDITING AGENCY, IN CONSULTA-
3 TION WITH THE DEPARTMENT;

4 (II) HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AN ON-SITE INSPECTION OF THE FACILITY
5 CONDUCTED BY A NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED ACCREDITING AGENCY AS DESIGNATED BY
6 THE COMMISSIONER;

7 (III) SUBMITS PROOF OF ITS FULL ACCREDITED STATUS; AND

8 (IV) THE INITIAL CERTIFICATION OF WHICH HAS AN INITIATION DATE OF THE
9 FIRST DATE OF ACCREDITATION AS LONG AS THE FACILITY REMAINS FULLY
10 ACCREDITED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

11 (B) NO FACILITY OPERATED AS AN OFFICE-BASED SURGERY PRACTICE OR
12 SETTING SHALL HOLD ITSELF OUT AS OR REPRESENT THAT IT IS REGISTERED,
13 UNLESS IT HOLDS A VALID CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION ISSUED PURSUANT TO
14 THIS SUBDIVISION.

15 (C) THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION ISSUED TO A FACILITY PURSUANT TO
16 THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED AT THE PRINCIPAL ADMINIS-
17 TRATIVE OFFICE OF SUCH FACILITY.

18 (D) IN THE EVENT THE ACCREDITING AGENCY FINDS THAT AN APPLICATION
19 SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION CONTAINS OR
20 EVINCES ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE APPLICANT'S ACCREDITED STATUS, THE ACCRED-
21 ITING AGENCY MAY ISSUE A PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOR
22 SUCH PERIOD OF TIME AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO CURE SUCH DEFICIENCY. NO SUCH
23 PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE SHALL BE ISSUED UNTIL THE APPLICANT AGREES IN
24 WRITING TO FULLY COMPLY WITH THE PROVISION OF THIS SECTION.

25 (E) EACH CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION SHALL BE VALID FOR A PERIOD OF
26 THREE YEARS, OR UNTIL THE ACCREDITED STATUS OF THE FACILITY EXPIRES,
27 WHICHEVER SHALL OCCUR FIRST.

28 6. EVERY FACILITY OPERATED AS AN OFFICE-BASED SURGERY PRACTICE OR
29 SETTING WITH FULL ACCREDITED STATUS, INCLUDING A CURRENT CERTIFICATE OF
30 REGISTRATION, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO SEEK PAYMENT FROM A HEALTH PLAN FOR
31 THE USE OF SUCH FACILITY. SUCH PAYMENT SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE FEE
32 CHARGED BY THE LICENSEE FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE COVERED OFFICE-BASED
33 SURGERY INVOLVING AN INSURED OR A HEALTH PLAN ENROLLEE; PROVIDED THAT
34 THE HEALTH PLAN ALSO REIMBURSES FOR THE USE OF A FACILITY CHARGED IN
35 CONNECTION WITH THE SAME COVERED PROCEDURE PERFORMED AT A HOSPITAL OR
36 AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT OF
37 THIS CHAPTER. WHEN CALCULATING THE APPROPRIATE RATE OF OFFICE-BASED
38 SURGERY FACILITY FEES, A HEALTH PLAN MAY ALSO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION
39 CERTAIN COMPARABLE AND NON-COMPARABLE COSTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF AMBULATO-
40 RY SURGERY CENTERS AND HOSPITALS.

41 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
42 subdivision 6 of section 230-d of the public health law, as added by
43 section two of this act, shall be deemed to have been in full force and
44 effect on and after January 18, 2008, and shall only apply to facilities
45 during the period of time which they remain fully accredited pursuant to
46 section 230-d of the public health law.