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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to managed long term care plans operated by health maintenance organizations

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

1     Section 1. Section 4403-f of the public health law is amended by  
2     adding a new subdivision 12 to read as follows:  
3     12. IN TRANSITIONING INDIVIDUALS TO MANAGED LONG TERM CARE, THE  
4     DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OF LONG TERM MANAGED CARE BY ENSUR-  
5     ING:  
6     (A) ACCESS TO QUALITY CARE BY REQUIRING NETWORK TRANSPARENCY AT CHOICE  
7     AMONGST LONG TERM CARE PLANS, ALLOWING PATIENTS TO CHOOSE THE PLAN THAT  
8     BEST FITS THEIR NEEDS;  
9     (B) TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FROM PROVIDERS, WHICH SHALL  
10    INCLUDE A MECHANISM BY WHICH STAFF, RESIDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS CAN  
11    SAFELY AND ANONYMOUSLY REPORT CONCERNS RELATING TO QUALITY AND WASTE;  
12    (C) LOW STAFF TURNOVER IN NURSING HOMES BY PROMOTING AND ENCOURAGING  
13    FAIR PAY; AND  
14    (D) PLANS AND PROVIDERS ARE ASSESSED PERIODICALLY FOR EFFICIENCY, WITH  
15    INCENTIVES PROVIDED FOR A VARIETY OF INDICATORS, INCLUDING BUT NOT  
16    LIMITED TO, SMOOTH PATIENT TRANSITIONS, HIGH STAFF RETENTION AND POSI-  
17    TIVE HEALTH CARE OUTCOMES ACHIEVED AT A LOW COST.  
18    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the amend-  
19    ments to section 4403-f of the public health law made by section one of  
20    this act shall not affect the expiration and repeal of such section, and  
21    shall expire and be deemed repealed therewith.

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

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