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Introduced by M. of A. GOTTFRIED, HOYT, KELLNER -- Multi-Sponsored by --  
M. of A. JAFFEE, SWEENEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on  
Health

AN ACT to amend the social service law, in relation to certain medical  
assistance for needy persons

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

1     Section 1. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a-1) of subdivision 4 of  
2     section 365-a of the social services law, as amended by section 46 of  
3     part C of chapter 58 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:  
4     (i) a brand name drug for which a multi-source therapeutically and  
5     generically equivalent drug, as determined by the federal food and drug  
6     administration, is available, unless previously authorized by the  
7     department of health. The commissioner of health is authorized to  
8     exempt, for good cause shown, any brand name drug from the restrictions  
9     imposed by this subparagraph. FURTHERMORE, THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH  
10    IS AUTHORIZED TO REVIEW AN APPLICATION FOR AN EXEMPTION OF A BRAND NAME  
11    DRUG FROM THE RESTRICTIONS OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, PROVIDED THAT SUCH  
12    APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE  
13    EXPIRATION OF THE PATENT OF SAID BRAND NAME DRUG. This subparagraph  
14    shall not apply to any drug that is in a therapeutic class included on  
15    the preferred drug list under section two hundred seventy-two of the  
16    public health law or is in the clinical drug review program under  
17    section two hundred seventy-four of the public health law;  
18    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided however, that  
19    the amendment to subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a-1) of subdivision 4 of  
20    section 365-a of the social services law made by section one of this act  
21    shall not affect the expiration of such paragraph and shall be deemed to  
22    expire therewith.

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

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