

2390

2013-2014 Regular Sessions

I N S E N A T E

January 17, 2013

Introduced by Sen. ADAMS -- 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 certified home health agencies

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

1 Section 1. Section 3608 of the public health law is amended by adding
2 a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:
3 7. A CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGENCY IN OPERATION AS OF THE EFFECTIVE
4 DATE OF THIS SUBDIVISION AND ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL BY THE
5 COMMISSIONER FOR THE PURPOSE OF SERVING INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR CARE IN
6 A FACILITY OR PROGRAM LICENSED BY THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH OR THE
7 OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES OR AS A SPECIAL PILOT
8 PROGRAM HOME HEALTH AGENCY IS AUTHORIZED BY VIRTUE OF SUCH CERTIFICATE
9 TO ENROLL ANY PATIENT DETERMINED TO REQUIRE CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGENCY
10 SERVICES; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH AGENCY (A) POSSESSES DEMONSTRATED
11 CLINICAL EXPERTISE IN THE TREATMENT OF THE POPULATION SPECIFIED IN ITS
12 CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL, (B) CONTINUES TO MARKET, ACCEPT FOR ENROLLMENT
13 AND TREAT MEMBERS OF SUCH POPULATION, AND (C) ENTERS INTO AN AGREEMENT
14 WITH THE COMMISSIONER THAT DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND
15 FOURTEEN THROUGH DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN AND FOR
16 EACH CALENDAR YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING ON JANUARY FIRST THEREAFTER, RATES
17 OF PAYMENT BY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER IN
18 ACCORDANCE WITH THE RATE-SETTING METHODOLOGY THEN IN EFFECT FOR SERVICES
19 BY SUCH CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGENCY TO INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAL
20 ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO TITLE ELEVEN OF ARTICLE FIVE OF THE SOCIAL
21 SERVICES LAW SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AVERAGE OF SUCH RATES OF PAYMENT FOR
22 CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGENCIES CLASSIFIED IN THE DOWNSTATE REGION, AS
23 DEFINED BY REGULATIONS PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO SECTION THIRTY-SIX
24 HUNDRED TWELVE OF THIS ARTICLE OR SUCCESSOR LEGISLATION.
25 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

LBD05548-01-3