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Introduced by Sen. HANNON -- 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 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 AND
7 CHOICE AMONGST LONG TERM CARE PLANS, ALLOWING PATIENTS TO CHOOSE THE
8 PLAN THAT 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21 shall expire and be deemed repealed therewith.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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