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Introduced by Sens. VALESKY, GRISANTI -- 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 requiring the commissioner of health to create a list of long-term care contact information for the NY Connects: Choices for Long Term Care program

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2997-e to read as follows:

S 2997-E. PROVISION OF CONTACT INFORMATION RELATING TO LONG TERM CARE. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING, CREATE A LIST OF INFORMATION BY MEANS OF WHICH TO CONTACT THE NY CONNECTS: CHOICES FOR LONG TERM CARE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION EIGHT OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED THREE OF THE ELDER LAW, LOCAL AREA AGENCIES ON AGING, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES, AND LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH TO BE ORGANIZED BY COUNTY, PROVIDED THAT IN A CITY WITH A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE, SUCH CONTACT INFORMATION FOR LOCAL AGENCIES MAY BE THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES CITIZEN SERVICE CENTER IN SUCH CITY. THIS LIST SHALL BE UPDATED PERIODICALLY AS NEEDED. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE SUCH LIST TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS CERTIFIED OR LICENSED UNDER THIS CHAPTER AND, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, TO ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS LICENSED UNDER THE EDUCATION LAW.

2. WHENEVER A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR PRACTITIONER MAKES A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE NECESSITY OF LONG TERM CARE SERVICES OR A REFERRAL FOR THE RECEIPT OF LONG TERM CARE SERVICES TO A PATIENT, THE PATIENT OR PATIENT'S DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR PRACTITIONER THE CONTACT INFORMATION FROM THE LIST CREATED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION THAT CORRESPONDS TO THE

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

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PATIENT'S COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OR PROSPECTIVE COUNTY OF RESIDENCE BASED ON THE PREFERENCE OF THE PATIENT.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.