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on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to directing local  
government units providing services to individuals with mental illness  
or developmental disabilities to create a single point of access  
system

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 41.13 of the mental hygiene law  
2     is amended by adding a new paragraph 17 to read as follows:  
3     17. CREATE, DIRECT AND EXERCISE SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY OVER A SINGLE  
4     POINT OF ACCESS SYSTEM TO FACILITATE ENTRY TO CARE COORDINATION  
5     SERVICES, RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT, REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, AND OTHER  
6     SERVICES FOR HIGH NEED ADULTS AND CHILDREN. THE SINGLE POINT OF ACCESS  
7     SYSTEM MAY BE OPERATED EITHER INDIVIDUALLY BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL  
8     UNIT OR COLLECTIVELY IN COOPERATION WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER LOCAL GOVERN-  
9     MENTAL UNITS. SEPARATE SINGLE POINT OF ACCESS SYSTEMS MAY BE ESTABLISHED  
10    IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF A TARGETED POPULATION BASED ON CRITERIA  
11    INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AGE, DISABILITY, VETERAN STATUS OR  
12    SPECIFIC SERVICE NEED SUCH AS HOUSING OR CARE COORDINATION. SINGLE POINT  
13    OF ACCESS SYSTEMS SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO:  
14    (I) RECEIVE REFERRALS OF ALL PERSONS WITH A MENTAL DISABILITY AS  
15    DEFINED IN SECTION 1.03 OF THIS CHAPTER WHO ARE IDENTIFIED AS A HIGH  
16    NEED PERSON BY THE COMMISSIONER;  
17    (II) RECEIVE REFERRALS REGARDLESS OF AGE, ABILITY TO PAY, OR HEALTH  
18    INSURANCE STATUS;  
19    (III) REQUIRE THE COOPERATION OF PROVIDERS OF CARE COORDINATION, HOUS-  
20    ING, HEALTH CARE, AND MANAGED CARE OPERATING WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF  
21    THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF CARE  
22    AND SERVICE DELIVERY FOR DESIGNATED HIGH NEED PERSONS.  
23    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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