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AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to people in the custody of the department of corrections and community supervision and a medical authorization form to disclose private medical information

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

1     Section 1. Section 71 of the correction law is amended by adding a new  
2     subdivision 9 to read as follows:  
3     9. (A) ANY PERSON WHO IS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
4     RECEIVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE AN AUTHORIZATION FORM TO DISCLOSE  
5     PRIVATE MEDICAL INFORMATION TO ANY NEXT OF KIN OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE  
6     OF HIS OR HER CHOICE AND AN AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO  
7     DISCLOSE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT INFORMATION TO ANY NEXT OF KIN OR OTHER  
8     REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS OR HER CHOICE UPON SUCH PERSON'S ARRIVAL AT A  
9     DESIGNATED RECEPTION FACILITY AND UPON ORIENTATION CONDUCTED AT ANY  
10    FACILITY AS A RESULT OF ANY TRANSFER DURING THE COURSE OF SUCH PERSON'S  
11    INCARCERATION. SUCH AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE IN FORCE UNTIL THE INMATE IS  
12    TRANSFERRED, DIES OR REVOKES SUCH AUTHORIZATION IN WRITING. SUCH AUTHOR-  
13    IZATION MAY BE REVISED OR REVOKED UPON REQUEST BY THE INMATE.  
14    (B) (I) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF ANY SUCH AUTHORI-  
15    ZATION TO THE PERSON AUTHORIZED BY THE INMATE AS SOON AS IS REASONABLY  
16    PRACTICABLE.  
17    (II) SUCH AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL IS TO BE PROVIDED WITH SUCH INMATE'S  
18    PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION AS GOVERNED BY THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTA-  
19    BILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996, ALSO KNOWN AS HIPAA, 42 USC  
20    1320D, 45 CFR 160-164, AND SECTIONS SEVENTEEN AND TWENTY-SEVEN HUNDRED  
21    EIGHTY-TWO OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW. ANY PHYSICIAN, HEALTHCARE PROFES-  
22    SIONAL, DENTIST, HEALTH PLAN, HOSPITAL, CLINIC, LABORATORY, PHARMACY OR  
23    OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO GIVE, DISCLOSE AND

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

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1 RELEASE TO THE APPOINTED NEXT OF KIN OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE ALL OF SUCH  
2 INMATE'S HEALTH INFORMATION NOT OTHERWISE RESTRICTED BY LAW.

3 (III) WHERE AN INMATE IS UNDER THE CARE OF THE OFFICE OF MENTAL  
4 HYGIENE, AN AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION PURSUANT TO SECTION  
5 33.13 OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW SHALL PROVIDE AN AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL  
6 WHO WAS A NEED FOR SUCH INFORMATION AND WHO HAS OBTAINED SUCH CONSENT,  
7 DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF THE  
8 PATIENT.

9 (C) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSULT WITH, AND BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE,  
10 THE ASSISTANCE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HYGIENE AND THE EXECUTIVE  
11 DIRECTOR OF THE JUSTICE CENTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL  
12 NEEDS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

13 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
14 it shall have become a law; provided, effective immediately, the addi-  
15 tion, amendment and/or repeal of any rules or regulations necessary for  
16 the implementation of the foregoing section of this act on its effective  
17 date is authorized to be made on or before such effective date.