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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to diagnostic or treatment centers within retail businesses

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

1     Section 1. Section 2801-a of the public health law is amended by  
2     adding a new subdivision 17 to read as follows:  
3     17. (A) DIAGNOSTIC OR TREATMENT CENTERS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE HEALTH  
4     CARE SERVICES WITHIN THE SPACE OF A RETAIL BUSINESS OPERATION, SUCH AS A  
5     PHARMACY OR A STORE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, OR WITHIN SPACE USED BY  
6     AN EMPLOYER FOR PROVIDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO ITS EMPLOYEES, MAY BE  
7     OPERATED BY LEGAL ENTITIES FORMED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW  
8     YORK: (I) WHOSE STOCKHOLDERS OR MEMBERS, AS APPLICABLE, ARE NOT NATURAL  
9     PERSONS; (II) WHOSE PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS AND MEMBERS, AS APPLICABLE,  
10    AND CONTROLLING PERSONS COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS  
11    SECTION; AND (III) THAT DEMONSTRATE, TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE PUBLIC  
12    HEALTH AND HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL, SUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE  
13    IN DELIVERING HIGH QUALITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES. SUCH DIAGNOSTIC AND  
14    TREATMENT CENTERS SHALL BE REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS "LIMITED  
15    SERVICES CLINICS".  
16    (B) FOR PURPOSES OF PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, THE PUBLIC  
17    HEALTH AND HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT AND AMEND RULES AND REGU-  
18    LATIONS, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, TO  
19    ADDRESS ANY MATTER IT DEEMS PERTINENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LIMITED  
20    SERVICES CLINICS. SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE  
21    LIMITED TO, PROVISIONS GOVERNING OR RELATING TO: (I) ANY DIRECT OR INDI-  
22    RECT CHANGES OR TRANSFERS OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS OR VOTING RIGHTS IN

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

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1 SUCH ENTITIES OR THEIR STOCKHOLDERS OR MEMBERS, AS APPLICABLE; (II)  
2 PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVAL OF ANY CHANGE IN  
3 CONTROLLING INTERESTS, PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS, CONTROLLING PERSONS,  
4 PARENT COMPANY OR SPONSORS; (III) OVERSIGHT OF THE OPERATOR AND ITS  
5 SHAREHOLDERS OR MEMBERS, AS APPLICABLE, INCLUDING LOCAL GOVERNANCE OF  
6 THE LIMITED SERVICES CLINICS; AND (IV) THE CHARACTER AND COMPETENCE AND  
7 QUALIFICATIONS OF, AND CHANGES RELATING TO, THE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS  
8 OF THE OPERATOR AND ITS PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS, CONTROLLING PERSONS,  
9 PARENT COMPANY OR SPONSORS.

10 (C) THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO LIMIT-  
11 ED SERVICES CLINICS: (I) PARAGRAPH (A) OF SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS  
12 SECTION; (II) PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION, RELAT-  
13 ING TO STOCKHOLDERS AND MEMBERS OTHER THAN PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS AND  
14 PRINCIPAL MEMBERS; (III) PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION FOUR OF THIS  
15 SECTION, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF STOCK OR VOTING RIGHTS; AND (IV)  
16 PARAGRAPH (E) OF SUBDIVISION FOUR OF THIS SECTION, RELATING TO THE  
17 OWNERSHIP OF STOCK OR MEMBERSHIP.

18 (D) A LIMITED SERVICES CLINIC SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE A "HEALTH CARE  
19 PROVIDER" FOR THE PURPOSES OF TITLE TWO-D OF ARTICLE TWO OF THIS CHAP-  
20 TER. A PRESCRIBER PRACTICING IN A LIMITED SERVICE CLINIC SHALL NOT BE  
21 DEEMED TO BE IN THE EMPLOY OF A PHARMACY OR PRACTICING IN A HOSPITAL FOR  
22 PURPOSES OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION SIXTY-EIGHT HUNDRED SEVEN OF THE  
23 EDUCATION LAW.

24 (E) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS SETTING FORTH OPERA-  
25 TIONAL AND PHYSICAL PLANT STANDARDS FOR LIMITED SERVICES CLINICS, WHICH  
26 MAY BE DIFFERENT FROM THE REGULATIONS OTHERWISE APPLICABLE TO DIAGNOSTIC  
27 OR TREATMENT CENTERS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

28 (I) REQUIRING THAT LIMITED SERVICES CLINICS ATTAIN AND MAINTAIN  
29 ACCREDITATION AND REQUIRING TIMELY REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT IF A  
30 LIMITED SERVICE CLINIC LOSES ITS ACCREDITATION;

31 (II) DESIGNATING OR LIMITING THE TREATMENTS AND SERVICES THAT MAY BE  
32 PROVIDED, INCLUDING:

33 (1) PROHIBITING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO PATIENTS TWENTY-FOUR  
34 MONTHS OF AGE OR YOUNGER;

35 (2) THE PROVISION OF SPECIFIC IMMUNIZATIONS TO PATIENTS YOUNGER THAN  
36 EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE;

37 (III) REQUIRING LIMITED SERVICE CLINICS TO ACCEPT WALK-INS AND OFFER  
38 EXTENDED BUSINESS HOURS;

39 (IV) SETTING FORTH GUIDELINES FOR ADVERTISING AND SIGNAGE, DISCLOSURE  
40 OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS, INFORMED CONSENT, RECORD KEEPING, REFERRAL FOR  
41 TREATMENT AND CONTINUITY OF CARE, CASE REPORTING TO THE PATIENT'S PRIMA-  
42 RY CARE OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, FIXTURES,  
43 AND EQUIPMENT. SIGNAGE SHALL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO INDICATE THAT  
44 PRESCRIPTIONS AND OVER-THE-COUNTER SUPPLIES MAY BE PURCHASED BY A  
45 PATIENT FROM ANY BUSINESS AND DO NOT NEED TO BE PURCHASED ON-SITE;

46 (V) REQUIRING THE OPERATOR TO DIRECTLY EMPLOY A MEDICAL DIRECTOR WHO  
47 IS LICENSED AND CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THE STATE  
48 OF NEW YORK; AND

49 (VI) REQUIRING LIMITED SERVICE CLINICS TO UTILIZE AND MAINTAIN AN  
50 ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM THAT CONNECTS TO THE LOCAL REGIONAL  
51 HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION TO FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF HEALTH  
52 INFORMATION.

53 (F) SUCH REGULATIONS ALSO SHALL PROMOTE AND STRENGTHEN PRIMARY CARE  
54 THROUGH: (I) THE INTEGRATION OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY LIMITED SERVICES  
55 CLINICS WITH THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE PATIENT'S OTHER HEALTH CARE

1 PROVIDERS; AND (II) THE REFERRAL OF PATIENTS TO APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE  
2 PROVIDERS, INCLUDING APPROPRIATE TRANSMISSION OF PATIENT HEALTH RECORDS.

3 (G) A LIMITED SERVICES CLINIC SHALL PROVIDE TREATMENT WITHOUT DISCRIM-  
4 INATION AS TO RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, DISABILITY,  
5 SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR SOURCE OF PAYMENT.

6 (H) NOTWITHSTANDING THIS SUBDIVISION AND ANY OTHER LAW OR REGULATION  
7 TO THE CONTRARY AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT  
8 HUNDRED TWO OF THIS ARTICLE, A GENERAL HOSPITAL, A DIAGNOSTIC AND TREAT-  
9 MENT CENTER, COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER OR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH  
10 CENTER MAY OPERATE A LIMITED SERVICES CLINIC WHICH MEETS THE REGULATION  
11 PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (E) OF THIS SUBDIVISION REGARDING  
12 OPERATIONAL AND PHYSICAL PLANT STANDARDS FOR LIMITED SERVICES CLINICS.

13 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.