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I N S E N A T E

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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to nurse practitioner services provided by home care agencies

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

1 Section 1. Section 3614 of the public health law is amended by adding
2 a new subdivision 3-d to read as follow:
3 3-D. HOME CARE-PRIMARY CARE INITIATIVE. THE COMMISSIONER, SUBJECT TO
4 THE APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET, AND NOTWITHSTANDING ANY
5 INCONSISTENT PROVISION OF THIS CHAPTER OR THE DEPARTMENT'S RULES AND
6 REGULATIONS, IS AUTHORIZED TO ADJUST OR TO APPROVE SPECIAL RATES OF
7 PAYMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION AND SECTION
8 FORTY-FOUR HUNDRED THREE-F OF THIS CHAPTER FOR THE PROVISION OF NURSE
9 PRACTITIONER SERVICES THROUGH HOME CARE AGENCIES UNDER A HOME CARE-PRI-
10 MARY CARE INITIATIVE. SUCH INITIATIVE SHALL BE FOR THE PURPOSES OF
11 PROVIDING OR ENHANCING PRIMARY CARE TO HOME CARE PATIENTS, INCLUDING
12 HOUSE-CALLS TO PATIENTS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND OR WHEN IN-HOME PRIMARY CARE
13 WOULD OTHERWISE FACILITATE ACCESS, QUALITY AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF
14 CARE, INCLUDING OVERCOMING GEOGRAPHIC RURAL/INNER-CITY BARRIERS TO
15 PRIMARY CARE. SUCH INITIATIVE SHALL ALSO TARGET PREVENTION OF AVOIDABLE
16 HOSPITALIZATIONS, REHOSPITALIZATIONS, EMERGENCY ROOM NEED AND LONG TERM
17 INSTITUTIONALIZATION.
18 THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF HOME CARE
19 AGENCIES AND MANAGED LONG TERM CARE PLANS, SHALL ESTABLISH CRITERIA AND
20 PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBDIVISION.
21 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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