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I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. MURPHY -- (at request of the Governor) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to providing training in pain management for certain individuals (Part A); to amend the insurance law, in relation to providing coverage for medically necessary inpatient services for the diagnosis and treatment of substance abuse disorder (Part B); to amend the public health law, the social services law, and the insurance law, in relation to limiting initial prescriptions for opioids to a seven-day supply (Part C); and to amend the mental hygiene law and the public health law, in relation to the dissemination of information by pharmacists to customers regarding controlled substances and counseling for individuals purchasing syringes (Part D)

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

1 Section 1. This act enacts into law major components of legislation  
2 related to the treatment of heroin and opioid addictions. Each component  
3 is wholly contained within a Part identified as Parts A through D. The  
4 effective date for each particular provision contained within such Part  
5 is set forth in the last section of such Part. Any provision in any  
6 section contained within a Part, including the effective date of the  
7 Part, which makes a reference to a section "of this act", when used in  
8 connection with that particular component, shall be deemed to mean and  
9 refer to the corresponding section of the Part in which it is found.  
10 Section three of this act sets forth the general effective date of this  
11 act.

12 PART A

13 Section 1. Section 3309-a of the public health law, as added by  
14 section 52 of part D of chapter 56 of the laws of 2012, subparagraphs  
15 (i), (ii), and (iii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 as amended by and  
16 subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 as added by section

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

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1 1 of part D of chapter 447 of the laws of 2012, and subdivisions 3 and 4  
2 as amended by section 2 of part D of chapter 447 of the laws of 2012, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 S 3309-a. Prescription pain medication awareness program. 1. There is  
5 hereby established within the department a prescription pain medication  
6 awareness program to educate the public and health care practitioners  
7 about the risks associated with prescribing and taking controlled  
8 substance pain medications.

9 2. Within the amounts appropriated, the commissioner, in consultation  
10 with the commissioner of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse  
11 services, shall[:

12 (a) Develop] DEVELOP and conduct a public health education media  
13 campaign designed to alert youth, parents and the general population  
14 about the risks associated with prescription pain medications and the  
15 need to properly dispose of any unused medication. In developing this  
16 campaign, the commissioner shall consult with and use information  
17 provided by the work group established pursuant to subdivision [(b)]  
18 FOUR of this section and other relevant professional organizations. The  
19 campaign shall include an internet website providing information for  
20 parents, children and health care professionals on the risks associated  
21 with taking opioids and resources available to those needing assistance  
22 with prescription pain medication addiction. Such website shall also  
23 provide information regarding where individuals may properly dispose of  
24 controlled substances in their community and include active links to  
25 further information and resources. The campaign shall begin no later  
26 than September first, two thousand twelve.

27 3. COURSE WORK OR TRAINING IN PAIN MANAGEMENT, PALLIATIVE CARE AND  
28 ADDICTION. (A) EVERY PERSON LICENSED UNDER TITLE EIGHT OF THE EDUCATION  
29 LAW TO TREAT HUMANS, REGISTERED UNDER THE FEDERAL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES  
30 ACT AND IN POSSESSION OF A REGISTRATION NUMBER FROM THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT  
31 ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OR ITS SUCCESSOR  
32 AGENCY, AND EVERY MEDICAL RESIDENT WHO IS PRESCRIBING UNDER A FACILITY  
33 REGISTRATION NUMBER FROM THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, UNITED  
34 STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OR ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY, SHALL, ON OR  
35 BEFORE JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN AND ONCE WITHIN EACH THREE  
36 YEAR PERIOD THEREAFTER, COMPLETE THREE HOURS OF COURSE WORK OR TRAINING  
37 IN PAIN MANAGEMENT, PALLIATIVE CARE, AND ADDICTION APPROVED BY THE  
38 DEPARTMENT.

39 (b) EVERY PERSON LICENSED ON OR AFTER JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SEVEN-  
40 TEEN UNDER TITLE EIGHT OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO TREAT HUMANS, REGISTERED  
41 UNDER THE FEDERAL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT AND IN POSSESSION OF A  
42 REGISTRATION NUMBER FROM THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, UNITED  
43 STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OR ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY, AND EVERY MEDICAL  
44 RESIDENT WHO BEGINS PRESCRIBING UNDER A FACILITY REGISTRATION NUMBER  
45 FROM THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
46 JUSTICE OR ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY ON OR AFTER JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND  
47 SEVENTEEN, SHALL COMPLETE SUCH COURSE WORK OR TRAINING WITHIN ONE YEAR  
48 OF SUCH REGISTRATION AND ONCE WITHIN EACH THREE YEAR PERIOD THEREAFTER.

49 (c) THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
50 AND THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, SHALL ESTAB-  
51 LISH STANDARDS AND REVIEW AND APPROVE COURSE WORK OR TRAINING IN PAIN  
52 MANAGEMENT, PALLIATIVE CARE, AND ADDICTION AND SHALL PUBLISH INFORMATION  
53 RELATED TO SUCH STANDARDS, COURSE WORK OR TRAINING ON THE DEPARTMENT'S  
54 WEBSITE.

55 (d) EXISTING COURSE WORK OR TRAINING, INCLUDING COURSE WORK OR TRAIN-  
56 ING DEVELOPED BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL,

1 SPECIALTY, OR PROVIDER ASSOCIATION, OR NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PAIN  
2 MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, MAY BE CONSIDERED IN IMPLEMENTING THIS SUBDIVI-  
3 SION.

4 (E) NOTHING SHALL PRECLUDE COURSE WORK OR TRAINING THAT MEETS THE  
5 REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (C) OF THIS SUBDIVISION FROM COUNTING TOWARD  
6 THIS REQUIREMENT IF TAKEN ONLINE.

7 (F) COURSE WORK OR TRAINING SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:  
8 STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESCRIBING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES;  
9 PAIN MANAGEMENT; APPROPRIATE PRESCRIBING; MANAGING ACUTE PAIN; PALLIA-  
10 TIVE MEDICINE; PREVENTION, SCREENING AND SIGNS OF ADDICTION; RESPONSES  
11 TO ABUSE AND ADDICTION; AND END OF LIFE CARE.

12 (G) EACH LICENSED PERSON REQUIRED BY THIS SUBDIVISION TO COMPLETE  
13 COURSE WORK OR TRAINING SHALL DOCUMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT BY ATTESTATION  
14 ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER THAT SUCH LICENSED PERSON HAS  
15 COMPLETED THE COURSE WORK OR TRAINING REQUIRED BY THIS SUBDIVISION. FOR  
16 MEDICAL RESIDENTS WHO ARE PRESCRIBING UNDER A FACILITY REGISTRATION  
17 NUMBER FROM THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPART-  
18 MENT OF JUSTICE OR ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY, SUCH ATTESTATION SHALL BE MADE  
19 BY THE FACILITY.

20 (H) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INSTITUTE A PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION FOR AN  
21 EXEMPTION FROM SAID REQUIREMENT. THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION  
22 FROM THE COURSE WORK AND TRAINING REQUIRED BY THIS SUBDIVISION TO ANY  
23 SUCH LICENSED PERSON WHO: (I) CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES TO THE DEPARTMENT'S  
24 SATISFACTION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR HIM OR HER TO COMPLETE SUCH  
25 COURSE WORK OR TRAINING; OR (II) THAT HE OR SHE HAS COMPLETED COURSE  
26 WORK OR TRAINING DEEMED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE EQUIVALENT TO THE COURSE  
27 WORK OR TRAINING APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVI-  
28 SION.

29 (I) NOTHING HEREIN SHALL PRECLUDE SUCH COURSE WORK OR TRAINING IN PAIN  
30 MANAGEMENT, PALLIATIVE CARE, AND ADDICTION FROM COUNTING TOWARD CONTINU-  
31 ING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER TITLE EIGHT OF THE EDUCATION LAW TO THE  
32 EXTENT PROVIDED IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.

33 (J) NOTHING HEREIN SHALL PRECLUDE SUCH COURSE WORK OR TRAINING IN PAIN  
34 MANAGEMENT, PALLIATIVE CARE, AND ADDICTION FROM COUNTING TOWARD CONTINU-  
35 ING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF A NATIONALLY ACCREDITED MEDICAL BOARD TO  
36 THE EXTENT ACCEPTABLE TO SUCH BOARD.

37 4. Establish a work group, no later than June first, two thousand  
38 twelve, which shall be composed of experts in the fields of palliative  
39 and chronic care pain management and addiction medicine. Members of the  
40 work group shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall  
41 be allowed actual and necessary expenses in the performance of their  
42 duties pursuant to this section. The work group shall:

43 [(i)] (A) Report to the commissioner regarding the development of  
44 recommendations and model courses for continuing medical education,  
45 refresher courses and other training materials for licensed health care  
46 professionals on appropriate use of prescription pain medication. Such  
47 recommendations, model courses and other training materials shall be  
48 submitted to the commissioner, who shall make such information available  
49 for the use in medical education, residency programs, fellowship  
50 programs, and for use in continuing medication education programs no  
51 later than January first, two thousand thirteen. Such recommendations  
52 also shall include recommendations on: [(A)] (I) educational and contin-  
53 uing medical education requirements for practitioners appropriate to  
54 address prescription pain medication awareness among health care profes-  
55 sionals; [(B)] (II) continuing education requirements for pharmacists  
56 related to prescription pain medication awareness; and [(C)] (III)

1 continuing education in palliative care as it relates to pain manage-  
2 ment, for which purpose the work group shall consult the New York state  
3 palliative care education and training council;

4 [(ii)] (B) No later than January first, two thousand thirteen, provide  
5 outreach and assistance to health care professional organizations to  
6 encourage and facilitate continuing medical education training programs  
7 for their members regarding appropriate prescribing practices for the  
8 best patient care and the risks associated with overprescribing and  
9 underprescribing pain medication;

10 [(iii)] (C) Provide information to the commissioner for use in the  
11 development and continued update of the public awareness campaign,  
12 including information, resources, and active web links that should be  
13 included on the website; and

14 [(iv)] (D) Consider other issues deemed relevant by the commissioner,  
15 including how to protect and promote the access of patients with a  
16 legitimate need for controlled substances, particularly medications  
17 needed for pain management by oncology patients, and whether and how to  
18 encourage or require the use or substitution of opioid drugs that employ  
19 tamper-resistance technology as a mechanism for reducing abuse and  
20 diversion of opioid drugs.

21 [3.] 5. On or before September first, two thousand twelve, the commis-  
22 sioner, in consultation with the commissioner of the office of alcohol-  
23 ism and substance abuse services, the commissioner of education, and the  
24 executive secretary of the state board of pharmacy, shall add to the  
25 workgroup such additional members as appropriate so that the workgroup  
26 may provide guidance in furtherance of the implementation of the I-STOP  
27 act. For such purposes, the workgroup shall include but not be limited  
28 to consumer advisory organizations, health care practitioners and  
29 providers, oncologists, addiction treatment providers, practitioners  
30 with experience in pain management, pharmacists and pharmacies, and  
31 representatives of law enforcement agencies.

32 [4.] 6. The commissioner shall report to the governor, the temporary  
33 president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly no later than  
34 March first, two thousand thirteen, and annually thereafter, on the work  
35 group's findings. The report shall include information on opioid over-  
36 dose deaths, emergency room utilization for the treatment of opioid  
37 overdose, the utilization of pre-hospital addiction services and recom-  
38 mendations to reduce opioid addiction and the consequences thereof.  
39 [The report shall also include a recommendation as to whether subdivi-  
40 sion two of section thirty-three hundred forty-three-a of this article  
41 should be amended to require practitioners prescribing or dispensing  
42 certain identified schedule V controlled substances to comply with the  
43 consultation requirements of such subdivision.]

44 S 2. This act shall take effective immediately.

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#### PART B

46 Section 1. Paragraph 30 of subsection (i) of section 3216 of the  
47 insurance law, as added by chapter 41 of the laws of 2014, is amended to  
48 read as follows:

49 (30)(A) Every policy that provides hospital, major medical or similar  
50 comprehensive coverage must provide inpatient coverage for the diagnosis  
51 and treatment of substance use disorder, including detoxification and  
52 rehabilitation services. Such INPATIENT COVERAGE SHALL INCLUDE UNLIMITED  
53 MEDICALLY NECESSARY TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT  
54 SERVICES PROVIDED IN RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS AS REQUIRED BY THE MENTAL

1 HEALTH PARITY AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2008 (29 U.S.C. S 1185A).  
2 FURTHER, SUCH INPATIENT coverage shall not apply financial requirements  
3 or treatment limitations, INCLUDING UTILIZATION REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, to  
4 inpatient substance use disorder benefits that are more restrictive than  
5 the predominant financial requirements and treatment limitations applied  
6 to substantially all medical and surgical benefits covered by the poli-  
7 cy. Further, such coverage shall be provided consistent with the feder-  
8 al Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction  
9 Equity Act of 2008 (29 U.S.C. S 1185a).

10 (B) Coverage provided under this paragraph may be limited to facili-  
11 ties in New York state which are certified by the office of alcoholism  
12 and substance abuse services and, in other states, to those which are  
13 accredited by the joint commission as alcoholism, substance abuse, or  
14 chemical dependence treatment programs.

15 (C) Coverage provided under this paragraph may be subject to annual  
16 deductibles and co-insurance as deemed appropriate by the superintendent  
17 and that are consistent with those imposed on other benefits within a  
18 given policy.

19 (D) THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL APPLY TO FACILITIES IN THIS STATE CERTI-  
20 FIED BY THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES THAT ARE  
21 PARTICIPATING IN THE INSURER'S PROVIDER NETWORK. COVERAGE PROVIDED UNDER  
22 THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO PREAUTHORIZATION. COVERAGE  
23 PROVIDED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL ALSO NOT BE SUBJECT TO CONCURRENT  
24 UTILIZATION REVIEW DURING THE FIRST FOURTEEN DAYS OF THE INPATIENT  
25 ADMISSION PROVIDED THAT THE FACILITY NOTIFIES THE INSURER OF BOTH THE  
26 ADMISSION AND THE INITIAL TREATMENT PLAN WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF THE  
27 ADMISSION. THE FACILITY SHALL PERFORM DAILY CLINICAL REVIEW OF THE  
28 PATIENT, INCLUDING THE PERIODIC CONSULTATION WITH THE INSURER TO ENSURE  
29 THAT THE FACILITY IS USING THE EVIDENCE-BASED AND PEER REVIEWED CLINICAL  
30 REVIEW TOOL UTILIZED BY THE INSURER WHICH IS DESIGNATED BY THE OFFICE OF  
31 ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES AND APPROPRIATE TO THE AGE OF  
32 THE PATIENT, TO ENSURE THAT THE INPATIENT TREATMENT IS MEDICALLY NECES-  
33 SARY FOR THE PATIENT. ANY UTILIZATION REVIEW OF TREATMENT PROVIDED UNDER  
34 THIS SUBPARAGRAPH MAY INCLUDE A REVIEW OF ALL SERVICES PROVIDED DURING  
35 SUCH INPATIENT TREATMENT, INCLUDING ALL SERVICES PROVIDED DURING THE  
36 FIRST FOURTEEN DAYS OF SUCH INPATIENT TREATMENT. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE  
37 INSURER SHALL ONLY DENY COVERAGE FOR ANY PORTION OF THE INITIAL FOURTEEN  
38 DAY INPATIENT TREATMENT ON THE BASIS THAT SUCH TREATMENT WAS NOT  
39 MEDICALLY NECESSARY IF SUCH INPATIENT TREATMENT WAS CONTRARY TO THE  
40 EVIDENCE-BASED AND PEER REVIEWED CLINICAL REVIEW TOOL UTILIZED BY THE  
41 INSURER WHICH IS DESIGNATED BY THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE  
42 ABUSE SERVICES. AN INSURED SHALL NOT HAVE ANY FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO  
43 THE FACILITY FOR ANY TREATMENT UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH OTHER THAN ANY  
44 COPAYMENT, COINSURANCE, OR DEDUCTIBLE OTHERWISE REQUIRED UNDER THE POLI-  
45 CY.

46 S 2. Paragraph 6 of subsection (1) of section 3221 of the insurance  
47 law, as amended by chapter 41 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as  
48 follows:

49 (6) (A) Every policy that provides hospital, major medical or similar  
50 comprehensive coverage must provide inpatient coverage for the diagnosis  
51 and treatment of substance use disorder, including detoxification and  
52 rehabilitation services. SUCH INPATIENT COVERAGE SHALL INCLUDE UNLIMITED  
53 MEDICALLY NECESSARY TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT  
54 SERVICES PROVIDED IN RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS AS REQUIRED BY THE MENTAL  
55 HEALTH PARITY AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2008 (29 U.S.C. S 1185A).  
56 FURTHER, SUCH INPATIENT coverage shall not apply financial requirements

1 or treatment limitations, INCLUDING UTILIZATION REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, to  
2 inpatient substance use disorder benefits that are more restrictive than  
3 the predominant financial requirements and treatment limitations applied  
4 to substantially all medical and surgical benefits covered by the poli-  
5 cy. Further, such coverage shall be provided consistent with the feder-  
6 al Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction  
7 Equity Act of 2008 (29 U.S.C. S 1185a).

8 (B) Coverage provided under this paragraph may be limited to facili-  
9 ties in New York state which are certified by the office of alcoholism  
10 and substance abuse services and, in other states, to those which are  
11 accredited by the joint commission as alcoholism, substance abuse or  
12 chemical dependence treatment programs.

13 (C) Coverage provided under this paragraph may be subject to annual  
14 deductibles and co-insurance as deemed appropriate by the superintendent  
15 and that are consistent with those imposed on other benefits within a  
16 given policy.

17 (D) THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL APPLY TO FACILITIES IN THIS STATE CERTI-  
18 FIED BY THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES THAT ARE  
19 PARTICIPATING IN THE INSURER'S PROVIDER NETWORK. COVERAGE PROVIDED UNDER  
20 THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO PREAUTHORIZATION. COVERAGE  
21 PROVIDED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL ALSO NOT BE SUBJECT TO CONCURRENT  
22 UTILIZATION REVIEW DURING THE FIRST FOURTEEN DAYS OF THE INPATIENT  
23 ADMISSION PROVIDED THAT THE FACILITY NOTIFIES THE INSURER OF BOTH THE  
24 ADMISSION AND THE INITIAL TREATMENT PLAN WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF THE  
25 ADMISSION. THE FACILITY SHALL PERFORM DAILY CLINICAL REVIEW OF THE  
26 PATIENT, INCLUDING THE PERIODIC CONSULTATION WITH THE INSURER TO ENSURE  
27 THAT THE FACILITY IS USING THE EVIDENCE-BASED AND PEER REVIEWED CLINICAL  
28 REVIEW TOOL UTILIZED BY THE INSURER WHICH IS DESIGNATED BY THE OFFICE OF  
29 ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES AND APPROPRIATE TO THE AGE OF  
30 THE PATIENT, TO ENSURE THAT THE INPATIENT TREATMENT IS MEDICALLY NECES-  
31 SARY FOR THE PATIENT. ANY UTILIZATION REVIEW OF TREATMENT PROVIDED UNDER  
32 THIS SUBPARAGRAPH MAY INCLUDE A REVIEW OF ALL SERVICES PROVIDED DURING  
33 SUCH INPATIENT TREATMENT, INCLUDING ALL SERVICES PROVIDED DURING THE  
34 FIRST FOURTEEN DAYS OF SUCH INPATIENT TREATMENT. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE  
35 INSURER SHALL ONLY DENY COVERAGE FOR ANY PORTION OF THE INITIAL FOURTEEN  
36 DAY INPATIENT TREATMENT ON THE BASIS THAT SUCH TREATMENT WAS NOT  
37 MEDICALLY NECESSARY IF SUCH INPATIENT TREATMENT WAS CONTRARY TO THE  
38 EVIDENCE-BASED AND PEER REVIEWED CLINICAL REVIEW TOOL UTILIZED BY THE  
39 INSURER WHICH IS DESIGNATED BY THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE  
40 ABUSE SERVICES. AN INSURED SHALL NOT HAVE ANY FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO  
41 THE FACILITY FOR ANY TREATMENT UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH OTHER THAN ANY  
42 COPAYMENT, COINSURANCE, OR DEDUCTIBLE OTHERWISE REQUIRED UNDER THE POLI-  
43 CY.

44 S 3. Subsection (k) of section 4303 of the insurance law, as amended  
45 by chapter 41 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

46 (k)(1) Every contract that provides hospital, major medical or similar  
47 comprehensive coverage must provide inpatient coverage for the diagnosis  
48 and treatment of substance use disorder, including detoxification and  
49 rehabilitation services. Such INPATIENT COVERAGE SHALL INCLUDE UNLIMIT-  
50 ED MEDICALLY NECESSARY TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT  
51 SERVICES PROVIDED IN RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS AS REQUIRED BY THE MENTAL  
52 HEALTH PARITY AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2008 (29 U.S.C. S 1185A).  
53 FURTHER, SUCH INPATIENT coverage shall not apply financial requirements  
54 or treatment limitations, INCLUDING UTILIZATION REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, to  
55 inpatient substance use disorder benefits that are more restrictive than  
56 the predominant financial requirements and treatment limitations applied

1 to substantially all medical and surgical benefits covered by the  
2 contract. Further, such coverage shall be provided consistent with the  
3 federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and  
4 Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (29 U.S.C. S 1185a).

5 (2) Coverage provided under this subsection may be limited to facili-  
6 ties in New York state which are certified by the office of alcoholism  
7 and substance abuse services and, in other states, to those which are  
8 accredited by the joint commission as alcoholism, substance abuse, or  
9 chemical dependence treatment programs.

10 (3) Coverage provided under this subsection may be subject to annual  
11 deductibles and co-insurance as deemed appropriate by the superintendent  
12 and that are consistent with those imposed on other benefits within a  
13 given contract.

14 (4) THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL APPLY TO FACILITIES IN THIS STATE CERTIFIED  
15 BY THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES THAT ARE  
16 PARTICIPATING IN THE CORPORATION'S PROVIDER NETWORK. COVERAGE PROVIDED  
17 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO PREAUTHORIZATION. COVERAGE  
18 PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL ALSO NOT BE SUBJECT TO CONCURRENT  
19 UTILIZATION REVIEW DURING THE FIRST FOURTEEN DAYS OF THE INPATIENT  
20 ADMISSION PROVIDED THAT THE FACILITY NOTIFIES THE CORPORATION OF BOTH  
21 THE ADMISSION AND THE INITIAL TREATMENT PLAN WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF  
22 THE ADMISSION. THE FACILITY SHALL PERFORM DAILY CLINICAL REVIEW OF THE  
23 PATIENT, INCLUDING THE PERIODIC CONSULTATION WITH THE CORPORATION TO  
24 ENSURE THAT THE FACILITY IS USING THE EVIDENCE-BASED AND PEER REVIEWED  
25 CLINICAL REVIEW TOOL UTILIZED BY THE CORPORATION WHICH IS DESIGNATED BY  
26 THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES AND APPROPRIATE TO  
27 THE AGE OF THE PATIENT, TO ENSURE THAT THE INPATIENT TREATMENT IS  
28 MEDICALLY NECESSARY FOR THE PATIENT. ANY UTILIZATION REVIEW OF TREATMENT  
29 PROVIDED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY INCLUDE A REVIEW OF ALL SERVICES  
30 PROVIDED DURING SUCH INPATIENT TREATMENT, INCLUDING ALL SERVICES  
31 PROVIDED DURING THE FIRST FOURTEEN DAYS OF SUCH INPATIENT TREATMENT.  
32 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE CORPORATION SHALL ONLY DENY COVERAGE FOR ANY  
33 PORTION OF THE INITIAL FOURTEEN DAY INPATIENT TREATMENT ON THE BASIS  
34 THAT SUCH TREATMENT WAS NOT MEDICALLY NECESSARY IF SUCH INPATIENT TREAT-  
35 MENT WAS CONTRARY TO THE EVIDENCE-BASED AND PEER REVIEWED CLINICAL  
36 REVIEW TOOL UTILIZED BY THE CORPORATION WHICH IS DESIGNATED BY THE  
37 OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES. AN INSURED SHALL NOT  
38 HAVE ANY FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO THE FACILITY FOR ANY TREATMENT UNDER  
39 THIS PARAGRAPH OTHER THAN ANY COPAYMENT, COINSURANCE, OR DEDUCTIBLE  
40 OTHERWISE REQUIRED UNDER THE CONTRACT.

41 S 4. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
42 ing the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to  
43 policies and contracts issued, renewed, modified, altered or amended on  
44 and after such date.

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## PART C

46 Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 3331 of the public health law, as  
47 amended by chapter 965 of the laws of 1974, is amended to read as  
48 follows:

49 5. (A) No more than a thirty day supply or, pursuant to regulations of  
50 the commissioner enumerating conditions warranting specified greater  
51 supplies, no more than a three month supply of a schedule II, III or IV  
52 substance, as determined by the directed dosage and frequency of dosage,  
53 may be dispensed by an authorized practitioner at one time.

1 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVI-  
2 SION, A PRACTITIONER, WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS OR HER PROFESSIONAL OPIN-  
3 ION OR DISCRETION, MAY NOT PRESCRIBE MORE THAN A SEVEN-DAY SUPPLY OF ANY  
4 SCHEDULE II, III, OR IV OPIOID TO AN ULTIMATE USER UPON THE INITIAL  
5 CONSULTATION OR TREATMENT OF SUCH USER FOR ACUTE PAIN. UPON ANY SUBSE-  
6 QUENT CONSULTATIONS FOR THE SAME PAIN, THE PRACTITIONER MAY ISSUE, IN  
7 ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, ANY APPROPRIATE  
8 RENEWAL, REFILL, OR NEW PRESCRIPTION FOR THE OPIOID OR ANY OTHER DRUG.

9 (C) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "ACUTE PAIN" SHALL MEAN  
10 PAIN, WHETHER RESULTING FROM DISEASE, ACCIDENTAL OR INTENTIONAL TRAUMA,  
11 OR OTHER CAUSE, THAT THE PRACTITIONER REASONABLY EXPECTS TO LAST ONLY A  
12 SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. SUCH TERM SHALL NOT INCLUDE CHRONIC PAIN, PAIN  
13 BEING TREATED AS PART OF CANCER CARE, HOSPICE OR OTHER END-OF-LIFE CARE,  
14 OR PAIN BEING TREATED AS PART OF PALLIATIVE CARE PRACTICES.

15 S 2. Subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law is amended by  
16 adding a new paragraph 33 to read as follows:

17 (33) EVERY POLICY DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THIS STATE THAT  
18 PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS SUBJECT TO A COPAYMENT SHALL  
19 CHARGE A COPAYMENT FOR A LIMITED INITIAL PRESCRIPTION OF AN OPIOID DRUG,  
20 WHICH IS PRESCRIBED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION FIVE  
21 OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, THAT IS  
22 EITHER (I) PROPORTIONAL BETWEEN THE COPAYMENT FOR A THIRTY-DAY SUPPLY  
23 AND THE AMOUNT OF DRUGS THE PATIENT WAS PRESCRIBED; OR (II) EQUIVALENT  
24 TO THE COPAYMENT FOR A FULL THIRTY-DAY SUPPLY OF THE OPIOID DRUG,  
25 PROVIDED THAT NO ADDITIONAL COPAYMENTS MAY BE CHARGED FOR ANY ADDITIONAL  
26 PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE THIRTY-DAY SUPPLY.

27 S 3. Subsection (k) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by  
28 adding a new paragraph 21 to read as follows:

29 (21) EVERY GROUP OR BLANKET POLICY DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN  
30 THIS STATE THAT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS SUBJECT TO A  
31 COPAYMENT SHALL CHARGE A COPAYMENT FOR A LIMITED INITIAL PRESCRIPTION OF  
32 AN OPIOID DRUG, WHICH IS PRESCRIBED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (B) OF  
33 SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED ONE OF THE PUBLIC  
34 HEALTH LAW, THAT IS EITHER (I) PROPORTIONAL BETWEEN THE COPAYMENT FOR A  
35 THIRTY-DAY SUPPLY AND THE AMOUNT OF DRUGS THE PATIENT WAS PRESCRIBED; OR  
36 (II) EQUIVALENT TO THE COPAYMENT FOR A FULL THIRTY-DAY SUPPLY OF THE  
37 OPIOID DRUG, PROVIDED THAT NO ADDITIONAL COPAYMENTS MAY BE CHARGED FOR  
38 ANY ADDITIONAL PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE THIRTY-DAY SUPPLY.

39 S 4. Section 4303 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new  
40 subsection (qq) to read as follows:

41 (QQ) EVERY MEDICAL EXPENSE INDEMNITY CORPORATION, HOSPITAL SERVICE  
42 CORPORATION OR HEALTH SERVICE CORPORATION THAT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR  
43 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS SUBJECT TO A COPAYMENT SHALL CHARGE A COPAYMENT FOR A  
44 LIMITED INITIAL PRESCRIPTION OF AN OPIOID DRUG, WHICH IS PRESCRIBED IN  
45 ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION  
46 THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, THAT IS EITHER (I)  
47 PROPORTIONAL BETWEEN THE COPAYMENT FOR A THIRTY-DAY SUPPLY AND THE  
48 AMOUNT OF DRUGS THE PATIENT WAS PRESCRIBED; OR (II) EQUIVALENT TO THE  
49 COPAYMENT FOR A FULL THIRTY-DAY SUPPLY OF THE OPIOID DRUG, PROVIDED THAT  
50 NO ADDITIONAL COPAYMENTS MAY BE CHARGED FOR ANY ADDITIONAL PRESCRIPTIONS  
51 FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE THIRTY-DAY SUPPLY.

52 S 5. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 6 of section 367-a of the social  
53 services law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (iv) to read as  
54 follows:

55 (IV) WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL IS INITIALLY DISPENSED OR PRESCRIBED A SEVEN  
56 OR FEWER DAYS SUPPLY OF AN OPIOID PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVI-



1 SION FIVE OF SECTION THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE OF THE  
2 PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, AND IS SUBSEQUENTLY DISPENSED OR PRESCRIBED AN ADDI-  
3 TIONAL SUPPLY OF SUCH OPIOID FOR THE SAME UNDERLYING CONDITION, THE  
4 TOTAL CO-PAYMENT THAT MAY BE CHARGED TO SUCH AN INDIVIDUAL FOR THE  
5 INITIAL PRESCRIPTION PLUS ALL SUBSEQUENT PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THE SAME  
6 UNDERLYING CONDITION FOR UP TO A TOTAL OF THIRTY-DAYS SUPPLY OF SUCH  
7 OPIOID SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT SET FORTH IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF  
8 THIS PARAGRAPH.

9 S 6. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
10 have become a law; provided, that the amendments to paragraph (c) of  
11 subdivision 6 of section 367-a of the social services law made by  
12 section five of this act shall not affect the repeal of such paragraph  
13 and shall expire and be deemed repealed therewith.

14 PART D

15 Section 1. Section 19.09 of the mental hygiene law is amended by  
16 adding a new subdivision (j) to read as follows:

17 (J) (1) THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF  
18 HEALTH, SHALL CREATE OR UTILIZE EXISTING EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS REGARDING  
19 THE DANGERS OF MISUSE AND THE POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION TO PRESCRIPTION  
20 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, TREATMENT RESOURCES AVAILABLE, AND THE PROPER WAY  
21 TO DISPOSE OF UNUSED PRESCRIPTION CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IN ACCORDANCE  
22 WITH PARAGRAPH TWO OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

23 (I) SUCH MATERIALS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PHARMACIES REGISTERED IN  
24 THE STATE, AND SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE TIME OF DISPENSING WITH ANY  
25 PRESCRIBED DRUG THAT IS A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE. INFORMATION DISSEMINATED  
26 PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH MAY, AT THE OPTION OF THE CONSUMER, BE  
27 DISTRIBUTED THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEANS.

28 (II) SUCH MATERIALS SHALL ALSO BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE OFFICE  
29 OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES AND OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
30 HEALTH, AND SHALL BE PROVIDED IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH AS DEEMED  
31 APPROPRIATE BY THE COMMISSIONERS, BUT SHALL INCLUDE THE TEN MOST COMMON-  
32 LY SPOKEN LANGUAGES, ASIDE FROM ENGLISH, IN THE STATE.

33 (2) THE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPH ONE OF THIS SUBDI-  
34 VISION SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

35 (A) THE RISKS OF USING OR CONSUMING SUCH CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES;

36 (B) THE PHYSICAL, BEHAVIORAL AND ADVANCED WARNING SIGNS OF ADDICTION  
37 TO SUCH CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES;

38 (C) THE HOPELINE TELEPHONE CONTRACT NUMBER (1-877-8-HOPE-NY) AND TEXT  
39 (HOPENY) FOR THE HOPELINE OPERATED BY THE OFFICE, OR ANY NUMBER THAT  
40 SUCCEEDS THE HOPELINE;

41 (D) THE PROCEDURES FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF UNUSED CONTROLLED  
42 SUBSTANCES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED  
43 FORTY-THREE-B OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW; AND

44 (E) SUCH OTHER INFORMATION AS THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DETERMINE TO BE  
45 NECESSARY OR INFORMATIVE RELATING TO THE USE, CONSUMPTION OR ABUSE OF,  
46 OR ADDICTION TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

47 (3) A PHARMACY MAY ALSO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE  
48 SAFE DISPOSAL OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY  
49 DISPOSAL PROGRAM THAT SUCH PHARMACY IS OPERATING OR PARTICIPATING IN  
50 OUTSIDE OF THE PROGRAMS UNDER SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE-B  
51 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW.

52 S 2. Paragraphs (e) and (f) of subdivision 5 of section 3381 of the  
53 public health law, as amended by section 9-a of part B of chapter 58 of  
54 the laws of 2007, are amended to read as follows:

1 (e) A PHARMACY REGISTERED UNDER ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN OF  
2 THE EDUCATION LAW MAY OFFER COUNSELING AND REFERRAL SERVICES TO CUSTOM-  
3 ERS PURCHASING HYPODERMIC SYRINGES FOR THE PURPOSE OF: PREVENTING  
4 INJECTION DRUG ABUSE; THE PROVISION OF DRUG TREATMENT; PREVENTING AND  
5 TREATING HEPATITIS C; PREVENTING DRUG OVERDOSE; TESTING FOR THE HUMAN  
6 IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS; AND PROVIDING PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS AND NON-  
7 OCCUPATIONAL POST-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS. THE CONTENT OF SUCH COUNSELING  
8 AND REFERRAL SHALL BE AT THE PROFESSIONAL DISCRETION OF THE PHARMACIST.

9 (F) The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary  
10 to implement the provisions of this subdivision which shall include a  
11 requirement that such pharmacies, health care facilities and health care  
12 practitioners cooperate in a safe disposal of used hypodermic needles or  
13 syringes.

14 [(f)] (G) The commissioner may, upon the finding of a violation of  
15 this section, suspend for a determinate period of time the sale or  
16 furnishing of syringes by a specific entity.

17 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
18 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-  
19 ly the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services may create the  
20 educational materials required pursuant to section one of this act.

21 S 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-  
22 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of  
23 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,  
24 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in  
25 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section  
26 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-  
27 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of  
28 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such  
29 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

30 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that  
31 the applicable effective date of Parts A through D of this act shall be  
32 as specifically set forth in the last section of such Parts.