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Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to universal standards for the coding and electronic payment of medical assistance claims for mental health or substance abuse disorder services

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

1     Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding two new sections  
2     4403-h and 4403-i to read as follows:  
3     S 4403-H. UNIVERSAL STANDARDS FOR CODING OF PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL  
4     ASSISTANCE CLAIMS FOR MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER  
5     SERVICES. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS WITH INSURERS UNDER  
6     THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
7     DISORDER SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS ARTICLE, BY FACILITIES OPERATING  
8     PURSUANT TO ARTICLES THIRTY-ONE AND THIRTY-TWO OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW  
9     SHALL HAVE STANDARD BILLING CODES. SUCH INSURERS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT  
10    BE LIMITED TO, MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PLANS AND INSURERS CERTIFIED PURSU-  
11    ANT TO THIS ARTICLE. SUCH PAYMENTS SHALL BE BASED ON UNIVERSAL BILLING  
12    CODES APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR A NATIONALLY ACCREDITED ORGANIZATION  
13    AS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.  
14    S 4403-I. ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF CLAIMS. THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS SUBMIT-  
15    TED UNDER CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS WITH INSURERS UNDER THE MEDICAL  
16    ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER  
17    SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS ARTICLE, AND BY FACILITIES OPERATING PURSU-  
18    ANT TO ARTICLES THIRTY-ONE AND THIRTY-TWO OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW  
19    SHALL BE PAID VIA ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER. SUCH INSURERS SHALL  
20    INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PLANS AND INSURERS  
21    CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.  
22    S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
23    ing the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however,  
24    that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any  
25    rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its  
26    effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on  
27    or before such effective date.

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

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