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(at request of the Legislative Commission on Rural Resources) -- read  
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Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to directing the  
commissioner of health to make recommendations relating to increasing  
certain ambulatory patient group reimbursement rates

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 2-a of section 2807 of the public health law is  
2     amended by adding a new paragraph (j) to read as follows:  
3     (J) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH HOSPITAL INDUSTRY  
4     REPRESENTATIVES, PROVIDE WRITTEN RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE  
5     LEGISLATURE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, ON  
6     INCREASING AMBULATORY PATIENT GROUPS REIMBURSEMENT RATES ESTABLISHED  
7     PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION FOR GENERAL HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT SERVICES,  
8     GENERAL HOSPITAL EMERGENCY SERVICES, DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT CENTER  
9     SERVICES AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL SERVICES, PROVIDED BY RURAL HOSPITALS  
10    DESIGNATED AS CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE XVIII  
11    OF THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT. SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL TAKE INTO  
12    CONSIDERATION THE INCREASED COSTS OF PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES IN RURAL  
13    AREAS AS WELL AS THE NEED TO MAINTAIN ACCESS TO SUCH SERVICES IN RURAL  
14    AREAS. IN ADDITION, THE RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL CONTAIN PROPOSED LEGIS-  
15    LATION, FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE TWO THOUSAND  
16    SEVENTEEN--TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN FISCAL YEAR, TO EFFECTUATE RATE  
17    INCREASES EFFECTIVE APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN.  
18    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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