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Introduced by Sens. KRUEGER, PERSAUD -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to maternal depression treatment

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 2500-k of the public health law is renumbered subdivision 4 and a new subdivision 3 is added to read as follows:

3. MATERNAL DEPRESSION TREATMENT. THE COMMISSIONER, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH, SHALL:

(A) COMPILE A LIST OF PROVIDERS WHO TREAT OR PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR MATERNAL DEPRESSION INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, OTHER LICENSED PROFESSIONALS, PEER SUPPORT, NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS AND OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES. SUCH LIST SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE AND BE SEARCHABLE BY ZIP CODE;

(B) UPDATE THE LIST OF PROVIDERS AS NECESSARY; AND

(C) WITHIN EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS, ENSURE ADEQUATE INVESTMENT IN TREATMENT RESOURCES FOR MATERNAL DEPRESSION INCLUDING A STATEWIDE HOTLINE, PEER SUPPORT, ADEQUATE REFERRAL NETWORKS AND TELEHEALTH OR TELEMEDICINE SERVICES.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized to be made and completed by the commissioner of health on 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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