STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

January 4, 2017

Introduced by Sen. MURPHY -- 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 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:

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding two new sections 4403-h and 4403-i to read as follows:

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§ 4403-h. Universal standards for coding of payment for medical assistance claims for mental health or substance abuse disorder services. Claims for payment contracts or agreements with insurers under the medical assistance program for mental health or substance abuse disorder services provided under this article, by facilities operating pursuant to articles thirty-one and thirty-two of the mental hygiene law shall have standard billing codes. Such insurers shall include, but not 10 be limited to, Medicaid managed care plans and insurers certified pursuant to this article. Such payments shall be based on universal billing 12 codes approved by the department or a nationally accredited organization as approved by the department.

§ 4403-i. Electronic payment of claims. The payment of claims submitted under contracts or agreements with insurers under the medical assistance program for mental health or substance abuse disorder services provided under this article, and by facilities operating pursuant to articles thirty-one and thirty-two of the mental hygiene law 19 shall be paid via electronic funds transfer. Such insurers shall include, but not be limited to, Medicaid managed care plans and insurers certified pursuant to this article.

22 § 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,

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

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1 that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any

- 2 rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its 3 effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on
- 4 or before such effective date.