STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 20, 2017

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to establishing mandatory minimum medicaid coverage for hospital confinement for childbirth

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 365-a of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6-a to read as follows:

6-a. Medicaid assistance shall also include, for mother and newborn, coverage of hospital confinement of at least forty-eight hours following a vaginal delivery and at least ninety-six hours following a caesarean section. Notwithstanding the above, a social services district may provide coverage for a shorter period of hospital confinement provided that:

(a) the mother in her sole discretion, exercises the option to be discharged from the hospital earlier than the time period stated above; and

(b) the treating physician, in accordance with generally accepted medical standards, has determined that the mother and newborn are ready for discharge; and

(c) post-discharge follow-up includes at least one home visit provided within twenty-four hours of discharge by a licensed health care provider whose scope of practice includes providing postpartum care and such other home visits as are deemed appropriate. Coverage of such home visits shall include, at a minimum, parent education, assistance and training in breast or bottle feeding and the performance of any necessary maternal and newborn physical assessments and shall be in addition to, rather than in lieu of, any home health care coverage otherwise available.

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

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§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.