

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

February 16, 2017

Introduced by Sens. HELMING, AKSHAR, VALESKY -- (at request of the Legislative Commission on Rural Resources) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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 Assembly, 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 eighteen, 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 nineteen--two thousand twenty fiscal year, to effectuate rate increases  
17 effective April first, two thousand nineteen.

18 § 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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