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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to hospital-sponsored off campus emergency departments

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2801 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 397 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

1. "Hospital" means a facility or institution engaged principally in providing services by or under the supervision of a physician or, in the case of a dental clinic or dental dispensary, of a dentist, or, in the case of a midwifery birth center, of a midwife, for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of human disease, pain, injury, deformity or physical condition, including, but not limited to, a general hospital, hospital-sponsored off campus emergency department, public health center, diagnostic center, treatment center, dental clinic, dental dispensary, rehabilitation center other than a facility used solely for vocational rehabilitation, nursing home, tuberculosis hospital, chronic disease hospital, maternity hospital, midwifery birth center, lying-in-asylum, out-patient department, out-patient lodge, dispensary and a laboratory or central service facility serving one or more such institutions, but the term hospital shall not include an institution, sanitarium or other facility engaged principally in providing services for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of mental disability and which is subject to the powers of visitation, examination, inspection and investigation of the department of mental hygiene except for those distinct

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

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1 parts of such a facility which provide hospital service. The provisions
2 of this article shall not apply to a facility or institution engaged
3 principally in providing services by or under the supervision of the
4 bona fide members and adherents of a recognized religious organization
5 whose teachings include reliance on spiritual means through prayer alone
6 for healing in the practice of the religion of such organization and
7 where services are provided in accordance with those teachings.

8 § 2. Section 2801 of the public health law is amended by adding a new
9 subdivision 12 to read as follows:

10 12. "Hospital-sponsored off campus emergency department" means an
11 emergency department that is owned by a general hospital and geograph-
12 ically removed from the general hospital's inpatient campus.

13 § 3. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2802-b
14 to read as follows:

15 § 2802-b. Emergency departments and hospital-sponsored off campus
16 emergency departments. 1. A hospital-sponsored off campus emergency
17 department shall generally operate twenty-four hours per day, seven days
18 per week. However, upon application and approval under subdivision two
19 of section twenty-eight hundred two of this article, including approval
20 by the public health and health planning council, part-time operation at
21 a minimum of twelve hours per day may be allowed for a hospital-spon-
22 sored off campus emergency department. Such approval shall only be made
23 upon a finding that local special circumstances necessitate part-time
24 operation and with consideration for the quality and accessibility of
25 emergency care and the public interest.

26 2. A hospital-sponsored off campus emergency department shall be
27 subject to the same standards and requirements as a general hospital-
28 based emergency department with regard to minimum training of providers,
29 staffing, services and capacity to stabilize, and treat as appropriate,
30 all patients presenting for treatment without regard for their ability
31 to pay in accordance with federal law and rules. A hospital-sponsored
32 off campus emergency department shall have capacity for receiving ground
33 ambulance patients and shall establish transfer protocols with local
34 emergency medical service providers and general hospital-based emergency
35 departments to ensure timely transfer of patients requiring a higher
36 level of care.

37 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.