STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 30, 2017

Introduced by M. of A. GOTTFRIED -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to nurse practitioner services provided by home care agencies

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

Section 1. Section 3614 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3-d to read as follow:

3-d. Home care-primary care initiative. The commissioner, subject to the approval of the director of the budget, and notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this chapter or the department's rules and regulations, is authorized to adjust or to approve special rates of payment for reimbursement provided under this section and section forty-four hundred three-f of this chapter for the provision of nurse practitioner services through home care agencies under a home care-primary care initiative. Such initiative shall be for the purposes of providing or enhancing primary care to home care patients, including house-calls to patients who are homebound or when in-home primary care would otherwise facilitate access, quality and cost-effectiveness of care, including overcoming geographic rural/inner-city barriers to primary care. Such initiative shall also target prevention of avoidable hospitalizations, rehospitalizations, emergency room need and long term institutionalization.

The commissioner, in consultation with representatives of home care agencies and managed long term care plans, shall establish criteria and procedures for the implementation of this subdivision.

§ 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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