

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

June 7, 2017

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to maternal  
depression treatment

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 2500-k of the public health law is  
2 renumbered subdivision 4 and a new subdivision 3 is added to read as  
3 follows:

4 3. Maternal depression treatment. The commissioner, in collaboration  
5 with the commissioner of mental health, shall:

6 (a) compile a list of providers who treat or provide support for  
7 maternal depression including mental health professionals, other  
8 licensed professionals, peer support, not-for-profit corporations and  
9 other community resources. Such list shall be made available to the  
10 public on the department's website and be searchable by zip code;

11 (b) update the list of providers as necessary; and

12 (c) within existing appropriations, ensure adequate investment in  
13 treatment resources for maternal depression including a statewide  
14 hotline, peer support, adequate referral networks and telehealth or  
15 telemedicine services.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
17 ing the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however,  
18 that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any  
19 rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its  
20 effective date is authorized to be made and completed by the commission-  
21 er of health on or before such effective date.

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

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