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## SENATE - ASSEMBLY

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IN SENATE -- A BUDGET BILL, submitted by the Governor pursuant to article seven of the Constitution -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to rate methodology for capital expenditures to hospitals and residential nursing facilities; to amend the social services law, in relation to standard coverage for physical therapy services under medical assistance for needy persons programs; to direct a review of the feasibility of a burn center in Kings county; and in relation to rates of reimbursement for certain residential health care facilities (Part A); to amend the public health law, in relation to payments to residential health care facilities; to amend the social services law and the public health law, in relation to assisted living program providers licensed in the state; to amend the social services law, in relation to payments for certain medical assistance provided to eligible persons participating in the New York traumatic brain injury waiver program; to amend the public health law, in relation to limitations on licensed home care service agency contracts and registration of licensed home care services agencies; to amend the social services law, in relation to advertising by fiscal intermediaries; and in relation to medicaid reimbursement rates for hospice providers (Part B); to amend the social services law and the public health law, in relation to health homes and penalties for managed care providers (Part C); to amend the

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social services law and the public health law, in relation to drug coverage, updating the professional dispensing fee and copayments; and in relation to the Medicaid drug cap (Part D); intentionally omitted (Part E); intentionally omitted (Part F); intentionally omitted (Part G); intentionally omitted (Part H); intentionally omitted (Part I); to amend the state finance law, in relation to the false claims act (Part J); to amend the public health law and the social services law in relation to home care services and direct care costs; and to amend chapter 59 of the laws of 2011 amending the public health law and other laws relating to known and projected department of health state fund medicaid expenditures, in relation to extending the medicaid global cap (Part K); intentionally omitted (Part L); to amend chapter 266 of the laws of 1986, amending the civil practice law and rules and other laws relating to malpractice and professional medical conduct, in relation to apportioning premium for certain policies; to amend part J of chapter 63 of the laws of 2001 amending chapter 266 of the laws of 1986, amending the civil practice law and rules and other laws relating to malpractice and professional medical conduct, relating to the effectiveness of certain provisions of such chapter, in relation to extending certain provisions concerning the hospital excess liability pool; and to amend part H of chapter 57 of the laws of 2017, amending the New York Health Care Reform Act of 1996 and other laws relating to extending certain provisions relating thereto, in relation to extending provisions relating to excess coverage (Part M); to amend part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2006, establishing a cost of living adjustment for designated human services, in relation to the determination thereof; and to repeal certain provisions thereof relating to eligible programs (Part N); intentionally omitted (Part O); intentionally omitted (Part P); to amend the public health law, in relation to the health care facility transformation program (Part Q); intentionally omitted (Part R); intentionally omitted (Subpart A); to amend the public health law and the mental hygiene law, in relation to integrated services (Subpart B); and to amend the public health law, in relation to the definitions of telehealth, and to amend the social services law, in relation to payment for telehealth services and remote patient monitoring and to repeal certain provisions of the public health law relating thereto (Subpart C)(Part S); to amend chapter 59 of the laws of 2016, amending the social services law and other laws relating to authorizing the commissioner of health to apply federally established consumer price index penalties for generic drugs, and authorizing the commissioner of health to impose penalties on managed care plans for reporting late or incorrect encounter data, in relation to the effectiveness of certain provisions of such chapter; to amend chapter 58 of the laws of 2007, amending the social services law and other laws relating to adjustments of rates, in relation to the effectiveness of certain provisions of such chapter; to amend chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, amending part C of chapter 58 of the laws of 2005 relating to authorizing reimbursements for expenditures made by or on behalf of social services districts for medical assistance for needy persons and administration thereof, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend chapter 906 of the laws of 1984, amending the social services law relating to expanding medical assistance eligibility and the scope of services available to certain persons with disabilities, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend chapter 56 of the laws of 2013, amending chapter 59 of the laws of 2011 amending the public health law and other laws relating to general hospital

reimbursement for annual rates relating to the cap on local Medicaid expenditures, in relation to rates of payments; to amend the social services law, in relation to agreements with pharmaceutical manufacturers; to amend part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2015, amending the social services law and other laws relating to supplemental rebates, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and to amend the public health law, in relation to participation and membership in a demonstration period (Part T); to amend part NN of chapter 58 of the laws of 2015, amending the mental hygiene law relating to clarifying the authority of the commissioners in the department of mental hygiene to design and implement time-limited demonstration programs, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part U); to amend chapter 62 of the laws of 2003, amending the mental hygiene law and the state finance law relating to the community mental health support and workforce reinvestment program, the membership of subcommittees for mental health of community services boards and the duties of such subcommittees and creating the community mental health and workforce reinvestment account, in relation to extending such provisions relating thereto (Part V); intentionally omitted (Part W); to amend chapter 111 of the laws of 2010, amending the mental hygiene law relating to the receipt of federal and state benefits received by individuals receiving care in facilities operated by an office of the department of mental hygiene, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part X); to amend the education law, in relation to persons practicing in certain licensed programs or services who are exempt from practice requirements of professionals licensed by the department of education; to amend chapter 420 of the laws of 2002, amending the education law relating to the profession of social work, in relation to extending the expiration of certain provisions thereof; to amend chapter 676 of the laws of 2002, amending the education law relating to the practice of psychology, in relation to extending the expiration of certain provisions; and to amend chapter 130 of the laws of 2010, amending the education law and other laws relating to the registration of entities providing certain professional services and licensure of certain professions, in relation to extending certain provisions thereof (Part Y); to amend the social services law, in relation to adding demonstration waivers to waivers allowable for home and community-based services; to amend the social services law, in relation to adding successor federal waivers to waivers granted under subsection (c) of section 1915 of the federal social security law, in relation to nursing facility services; to amend the social services law, in relation to waivers for high quality and integrated care; to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to adding new and successor federal waivers to waivers in relation to home and community-based services; to amend part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2013, amending the social services law and other laws relating to enacting the major components of legislation necessary to implement the health and mental hygiene budget for the 2013-2014 state fiscal year, in relation to the effectiveness of certain provisions thereof; to amend the public health law, in relation to expansion of comprehensive health services plans; to amend chapter 659 of the laws of 1997, amending the public health law and other laws relating to creation of continuing care retirement communities, in relation to extending provisions thereof; to amend the public health law, in relation to managed long term care plans, health and long term care services and developmental disability individual support and care coordination organizations; to amend chapter 165 of

the laws of 1991, amending the public health law and other laws relating to establishing payments for medical assistance, in relation to extending the provisions thereof; to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to reimbursement rates; and to amend chapter 710 of the laws of 1988, amending the social services law and the education law relating to medical assistance eligibility of certain persons and providing for managed medical care demonstration programs, in relation to extending the provisions thereof (Part Z); to amend part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2006, relating to establishing a cost of living adjustment for designated human services programs, in relation to the inclusion and development of certain cost of living adjustments (Part AA); to amend the public health law, in relation to expanding the list of controlled substances (Part BB); to amend the public health law, in relation to inquiries or complaints of professional misconduct (Part CC); to amend the education law, in relation to authorizing a licensed pharmacist to administer influenza vaccine to children between two and eighteen years of age pursuant to a non-patient specific regimen; to amend the public health law, in relation to reporting requirements for vaccines administered by pharmacists to individuals less than nineteen years of age; to amend chapter 563 of the laws of 2008, amending the education law and the public health law relating to immunizing agents to be administered to adults by pharmacists, in relation to making the provisions permanent; to amend chapter 116 of the laws of 2012, amending the education law relating to authorizing a licensed pharmacist and certified nurse practitioner to administer certain immunizing agents, in relation to making certain provisions permanent; and to amend chapter 21 of the laws of 2011, amending the education law relating to authorizing pharmacists to perform collaborative drug therapy management with physicians in certain settings, in relation to making certain provisions permanent (Part DD); to amend the social services law, in relation to insurance payments for independent practitioner services for individuals with developmental disabilities (Part EE); to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to establishing the office of the independent substance use disorder and mental health ombudsman (Part FF); to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to a certified peer recovery advocate services program (Part GG); to amend the public health law, the executive law and the insurance law, in relation to sexual assault forensic exams; and to repeal certain provisions of the public health law relating thereto (Part HH); to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to state-operated individualized residential alternatives; and to amend part Q of chapter 59 of the laws of 2016, amending the mental hygiene law relating to the closure or transfer of a state-operated individualized residential alternative, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part II); to amend the mental hygiene law, the public health law and the executive law, in relation to establishing a training program for first responders for handling emergency situations involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities (Part JJ); to amend the state finance law, in relation to requiring bids submitted to the state or any agency or department of the state to contain a certification concerning sexual harassment (Subpart A); to amend the civil practice law and rules, in relation to prohibiting mandatory arbitration clauses (Subpart B); to amend the public officers law, in relation to reimbursement of funds paid by state agencies, state entities and public entities for the payment of awards adjudicated in sexual harassment claims (Subpart C); to amend the

general obligations law and the civil practice law and rules, in relation to nondisclosure agreements (Subpart D); to amend the labor law, in relation to the establishment of a model policy regarding the prevention of sexual harassment and a model training program to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace (Subpart E); and to amend the executive law, in relation to sexual harassment relating to non-employees (Subpart F) (Part KK); to amend the public health law, in relation to authorizing a voluntary public water system consolidation study (Part LL); to amend the public health law, in relation to pharmacy audits by pharmacy benefit managers; to amend the public health law, in relation to contracts between pharmacy benefit managers and pharmacies; to amend the insurance law, in relation to outpatient treatment; to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing the children and recovering mothers program and a workgroup to study and evaluate barriers and challenges in identifying and treating expectant mothers, newborns and new parents with a substance use disorder; to amend the public health law, in relation to screening students for lead when enrolling in child care, pre-school or kindergarten; to amend the public health law, in relation to the lead service line replacement grant program; to direct the New York state department of health to conduct a study of the high burden of asthma in the boroughs of Brooklyn and Manhattan in the city of New York; and to amend the insurance law, in relation to providing coverage for pasteurized donor human milk (PDHM) (Part MM); and to amend the public health law and the state finance law, in relation to enacting the opioid stewardship act; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof (Part NN)

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

1 Section 1. This act enacts into law major components of legislation  
2 which are necessary to implement the state fiscal plan for the 2018-2019  
3 state fiscal year. Each component is wholly contained within a Part  
4 identified as Parts A through NN. The effective date for each particular  
5 provision contained within such Part is set forth in the last section of  
6 such Part. Any provision in any section contained within a Part, includ-  
7 ing the effective date of the Part, which makes a reference to a section  
8 "of this act", when used in connection with that particular component,  
9 shall be deemed to mean and refer to the corresponding section of the  
10 Part in which it is found. Section three of this act sets forth the  
11 general effective date of this act.

12 PART A

13 Section 1. Intentionally omitted.

14 § 2. Subdivision 5-d of section 2807-k of the public health law, as  
15 amended by section 1 of part E of chapter 57 of the laws of 2015, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 5-d. (a) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this section,  
18 section twenty-eight hundred seven-w of this article or any other  
19 contrary provision of law, and subject to the availability of federal  
20 financial participation, for periods on and after January first, two  
21 thousand thirteen, through [~~December~~ **March**] thirty-first, two thousand  
22 [~~eighteen~~ **twenty**], all funds available for distribution pursuant to this

1 section, except for funds distributed pursuant to subparagraph (v) of  
2 paragraph (b) of subdivision five-b of this section, and all funds  
3 available for distribution pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred  
4 seven-w of this article, shall be reserved and set aside and distributed  
5 in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision.

6 (b) The commissioner shall promulgate regulations, and may promulgate  
7 emergency regulations, establishing methodologies for the distribution  
8 of funds as described in paragraph (a) of this subdivision and such  
9 regulations shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

10 (i) Such regulations shall establish methodologies for determining  
11 each facility's relative uncompensated care need amount based on unin-  
12 sured inpatient and outpatient units of service from the cost reporting  
13 year two years prior to the distribution year, multiplied by the appli-  
14 cable medicaid rates in effect January first of the distribution year,  
15 as summed and adjusted by a statewide cost adjustment factor and reduced  
16 by the sum of all payment amounts collected from such uninsured  
17 patients, and as further adjusted by application of a nominal need  
18 computation that shall take into account each facility's medicaid inpa-  
19 tient share.

20 (ii) Annual distributions pursuant to such regulations for the two  
21 thousand thirteen through two thousand [~~eighteen~~ nineteen calendar  
22 years shall be in accord with the following:

23 (A) one hundred thirty-nine million four hundred thousand dollars  
24 shall be distributed as Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital ("DSH")  
25 payments to major public general hospitals; and

26 (B) nine hundred ninety-four million nine hundred thousand dollars as  
27 Medicaid DSH payments to eligible general hospitals, other than major  
28 public general hospitals.

29 (iii)(A) Such regulations shall establish transition adjustments to  
30 the distributions made pursuant to clauses (A) and (B) of subparagraph  
31 (ii) of this paragraph such that no facility experiences a reduction in  
32 indigent care pool payments pursuant to this subdivision that is greater  
33 than the percentages, as specified in clause (C) of this subparagraph as  
34 compared to the average distribution that each such facility received  
35 for the three calendar years prior to two thousand thirteen pursuant to  
36 this section and section twenty-eight hundred seven-w of this article.

37 (B) Such regulations shall also establish adjustments limiting the  
38 increases in indigent care pool payments experienced by facilities  
39 pursuant to this subdivision by an amount that will be, as determined by  
40 the commissioner and in conjunction with such other funding as may be  
41 available for this purpose, sufficient to ensure full funding for the  
42 transition adjustment payments authorized by clause (A) of this subpara-  
43 graph.

44 (C) No facility shall experience a reduction in indigent care pool  
45 payments pursuant to this subdivision that: for the calendar year begin-  
46 ning January first, two thousand thirteen, is greater than two and one-  
47 half percent; for the calendar year beginning January first, two thou-  
48 sand fourteen, is greater than five percent; and, for the calendar year  
49 beginning on January first, two thousand fifteen[~~7~~]; is greater than  
50 seven and one-half percent, and for the calendar year beginning on Janu-  
51 ary first, two thousand sixteen, is greater than ten percent; and for  
52 the calendar year beginning on January first, two thousand seventeen, is  
53 greater than twelve and one-half percent; and for the calendar year  
54 beginning on January first, two thousand eighteen, is greater than  
55 fifteen percent; and for the calendar year beginning on January first,  
56 two thousand nineteen, is greater than seventeen and one-half percent.

1 (iv) Such regulations shall reserve one percent of the funds available  
2 for distribution in the two thousand fourteen and two thousand fifteen  
3 calendar years, and for calendar years thereafter, pursuant to this  
4 subdivision, subdivision fourteen-f of section twenty-eight hundred  
5 seven-c of this article, and sections two hundred eleven and two hundred  
6 twelve of chapter four hundred seventy-four of the laws of nineteen  
7 hundred ninety-six, in a "financial assistance compliance pool" and  
8 shall establish methodologies for the distribution of such pool funds to  
9 facilities based on their level of compliance, as determined by the  
10 commissioner, with the provisions of subdivision nine-a of this section.

11 (c) The commissioner shall annually report to the governor and the  
12 legislature on the distribution of funds under this subdivision includ-  
13 ing, but not limited to:

14 (i) the impact on safety net providers, including community providers,  
15 rural general hospitals and major public general hospitals;

16 (ii) the provision of indigent care by units of services and funds  
17 distributed by general hospitals; and

18 (iii) the extent to which access to care has been enhanced.

19 § 3. Intentionally omitted.

20 § 4. Intentionally omitted.

21 § 5. Paragraph (h) of subdivision 2 of section 365-a of the social  
22 services law, as amended by chapter 220 of the laws of 2011, is amended  
23 to read as follows:

24 (h) speech therapy, and when provided at the direction of a physician  
25 or nurse practitioner, physical therapy including related rehabilitative  
26 services and occupational therapy; provided, however, that speech thera-  
27 py[~~physical therapy~~] and occupational therapy each shall be limited to  
28 coverage of twenty visits per year; physical therapy shall be limited to  
29 coverage of forty visits per year; such limitation shall not apply to  
30 persons with developmental disabilities or, notwithstanding any other  
31 provision of law to the contrary, to persons with traumatic brain inju-  
32 ry;

33 § 6. The commissioner of health is directed to conduct a study to  
34 review the feasibility of creating a burn center in Kings County.

35 The commissioner of health shall report his or her findings to the  
36 governor, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the assem-  
37 bly, the temporary president of the senate and the minority leader of  
38 the senate on or before one year from the date this act shall take  
39 effect.

40 § 7. Section 4403-f of the public health law is amended by adding a  
41 new subdivision 8-a to read as follows:

42 8-a. Rates for certain residential health care facilities. Notwith-  
43 standing any other provision of law or regulation to the contrary, any  
44 residential health care facility established pursuant to article twen-  
45 ty-eight of this chapter located in a county with a population of more  
46 than seventy-two thousand and less than seventy-five thousand persons  
47 based on the two thousand ten federal census shall be reimbursed by any  
48 managed long term care plan, approved pursuant to this section and  
49 contracting with the department, at a rate of no less than one hundred  
50 four percent of the average rate of reimbursement in existence on March  
51 first, two thousand eighteen for such county.

52 § 8. Subdivision 2-c of section 2808 of the public health law is  
53 amended by adding a new paragraph (g) to read as follows:

54 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation to the  
55 contrary, any residential health care facility established pursuant to  
56 this article located in a county with a population of more than seven-



1 ty-two thousand and less than seventy-five thousand persons based on the  
2 two thousand ten federal census, and operating between one hundred ten  
3 and one hundred thirty beds, being reimbursed by the department on a  
4 fee-for-services basis, shall be reimbursed at a rate of no less than  
5 one hundred seventeen percent of the fee-for-service rate of reimburse-  
6 ment calculated pursuant to this section for that facility for inpatient  
7 services provided on or after March first, two thousand eighteen.

8 § 9. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
9 the amendments to section 4403-f of the public health law made by  
10 section seven of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section  
11 and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

12 PART B

13 Section 1. Subdivision 2-c of section 2808 of the public health law is  
14 amended by adding a new paragraph (g) to read as follows:

15 (g) The commissioner shall reduce Medicaid revenue to a residential  
16 health care facility in a payment year by two percent if in each of the  
17 two most recent payment years for which New York state nursing home  
18 quality initiative data is available, the facility was ranked in the  
19 lowest two quintiles of facilities based on its nursing home quality  
20 initiative performance, and was ranked in the lowest quintile in the  
21 most recent payment year. The commissioner shall waive the application  
22 of this paragraph to a facility if the commissioner determines that the  
23 facility is in financial distress.

24 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 461-1 of the social services law is  
25 amended by adding four new paragraphs (k), (l), (m) and (n) to read as  
26 follows:

27 (k) (i) Existing assisted living program providers may apply to the  
28 department of health for approval to add up to nine additional assisted  
29 living program beds that do not require major renovation or  
30 construction. Eligible applicants are those that agree to dedicate such  
31 beds to serve only individuals receiving medical assistance, are in good  
32 standing with the department of health, and are in compliance with  
33 appropriate state and local requirements as determined by the department  
34 of health.

35 (ii) Existing assisted living program providers licensed on or before  
36 April first, two thousand eighteen may submit applications under this  
37 paragraph beginning no later than June thirtieth, two thousand eighteen  
38 and until a deadline to be determined by the department of health.  
39 Existing assisted living program providers licensed on or before April  
40 first, two thousand twenty may submit such applications beginning no  
41 later than June thirtieth, two thousand twenty and until a deadline to  
42 be determined by the department of health.

43 (iii) The number of additional assisted living program beds approved  
44 under this paragraph shall be based on the total number of previously  
45 awarded beds either withdrawn by applicants or denied by the department  
46 of health. The commissioner of health shall utilize an expedited review  
47 process allowing certification of the additional beds within ninety days  
48 of such department's receipt of a satisfactory application.

49 (l) (i) The commissioner of health is authorized to solicit and award  
50 applications for up to a total of five hundred new assisted living  
51 program beds in those counties where there is one or no assisted living  
52 program providers, pursuant to criteria to be determined by the commis-  
53 sioner.



1 (ii) The commissioner of health is authorized to solicit and award  
2 applications for up to five hundred new assisted living program beds in  
3 counties where utilization of existing assisted living program beds  
4 exceeds eighty-five percent. All applicants shall comply with federal  
5 home and community-based settings requirements, as set forth in 42 CFR  
6 Part 441 Subpart G. To be eligible for an award, an applicant must agree  
7 to:

8 (A) Dedicate such beds to serve only individuals receiving medical  
9 assistance;

10 (B) Develop and execute collaborative agreements within twenty-four  
11 months of an application being made to the department of health, in  
12 accordance with guidance to be published by such department, between at  
13 least one of each of the following entities: an adult care facility; a  
14 residential health care facility; and a general hospital; and

15 (C) Enter into an agreement with an existing managed care entity.

16 (iii) The commissioner of health is authorized to award any assisted  
17 living program beds for which a solicitation is made under subparagraph  
18 (i) of this paragraph, but which are not awarded, to applicants that  
19 meet all applicable criteria pursuant to a solicitation made under  
20 subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph.

21 (m) Beginning April first, two thousand twenty-three, additional  
22 assisted living program beds shall be approved on a case by case basis  
23 whenever the commissioner of health is satisfied that public need exists  
24 at the time and place and under circumstances proposed by the applicant.

25 (i) The consideration of public need may take into account factors  
26 such as, but not limited to, regional occupancy rates for adult care  
27 facilities and assisted living program occupancy rates and the extent to  
28 which the project will serve individuals receiving medical assistance.

29 (ii) Existing assisted living program providers may apply for approval  
30 to add up to nine additional assisted living program beds that do not  
31 require major renovation or construction under an expedited review proc-  
32 ess. The expedited review process is available to applicants that are in  
33 good standing with the department of health, and are in compliance with  
34 appropriate state and local requirements as determined by the department  
35 of health. The expedited review process shall allow certification of  
36 the additional beds for which the commissioner of health is satisfied  
37 that public need exists within ninety days of such department's receipt  
38 of a satisfactory application.

39 (n) The commissioner of health is authorized to create a program to  
40 subsidize the cost of assisted living for those individuals living with  
41 Alzheimer's disease and dementia who are not eligible for medical  
42 assistance pursuant to title eleven of article five of this chapter. The  
43 program shall authorize up to two hundred vouchers to individuals  
44 through an application process and pay for up to seventy-five percent of  
45 the average private pay rate in the respective region. The commissioner  
46 of health may propose rules and regulations to effectuate this  
47 provision.

48 § 3. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 7 of section  
49 4403-f of the public health law, as amended by section 41-b of part H of  
50 chapter 59 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

51 (i) The commissioner shall, to the extent necessary, submit the appro-  
52 priate waivers, including, but not limited to, those authorized pursuant  
53 to sections eleven hundred fifteen and nineteen hundred fifteen of the  
54 federal social security act, or successor provisions, and any other  
55 waivers necessary to achieve the purposes of high quality, integrated,  
56 and cost effective care and integrated financial eligibility policies

1 under the medical assistance program or pursuant to title XVIII of the  
2 federal social security act. In addition, the commissioner is authorized  
3 to submit the appropriate waivers, including but not limited to those  
4 authorized pursuant to sections eleven hundred fifteen and nineteen  
5 hundred fifteen of the federal social security act or successor  
6 provisions, and any other waivers necessary to require on or after April  
7 first, two thousand twelve, medical assistance recipients who are twenty-one  
8 years of age or older and who require community-based long term  
9 care services, as specified by the commissioner, for a continuous period  
10 of more than one hundred and twenty days, to receive such services  
11 through an available plan certified pursuant to this section or other  
12 program model that meets guidelines specified by the commissioner that  
13 support coordination and integration of services. Such guidelines shall  
14 address the requirements of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f),  
15 (g), (h), and (i) of subdivision three of this section as well as  
16 payment methods that ensure provider accountability for cost effective  
17 quality outcomes. Such other program models may include long term home  
18 health care programs that comply with such guidelines. Copies of such  
19 original waiver applications and amendments thereto shall be provided to  
20 the chairs of the senate finance committee, the assembly ways and means  
21 committee and the senate and assembly health committees simultaneously  
22 with their submission to the federal government.

23 § 4. Subparagraphs (vii) and (viii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 7  
24 of section 4403-f of the public health law are redesignated subparagraphs  
25 (viii) and (ix) and a new subparagraph (vii) is added to read as  
26 follows:

27 (vii) If another long term care plan certified under this section is  
28 available, medical assistance recipients required to enroll in such  
29 plans pursuant to this section, including recipients who have been  
30 assigned to a provider by the commissioner, may change plans without  
31 cause within ninety days of either notification of enrollment or the  
32 effective date of enrollment into a plan, whichever is later, by submit-  
33 ting a request to the entity designated by the department in a format to  
34 be determined by the department. In accordance with federal statutes and  
35 regulations, after such ninety-day period, the department may prohibit a  
36 recipient from changing plans more frequently than once every twelve  
37 months, except for good cause. Good cause may include poor quality of  
38 care, lack of access to covered services, lack of access to providers  
39 experienced in dealing with the enrollee's care needs, or as otherwise  
40 determined by the commissioner.

41 § 5. Clauses 11 and 12 of subparagraph (v) of paragraph (b) of subdivi-  
42 sion 7 of section 4403-f of the public health law, as amended by  
43 section 48 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2013, are amended to  
44 read as follows:

45 (11) a person who is eligible for medical assistance pursuant to para-  
46 graph (b) of subdivision four of section three hundred sixty-six of the  
47 social services law; ~~and~~

48 (12) Native Americans; ~~and~~

49 (13) a person who is permanently placed in a nursing home for a  
50 consecutive period of three months or more. In implementing this  
51 provision, the department shall continue to support service delivery and  
52 outcomes that result in community living for enrollees.

53 § 6. Section 4403-f of the public health law is amended by adding a  
54 new subdivision 11-b to read as follows:

55 11-b. In cases of a managed long term care plan merger, acquisition,  
56 or other similar arrangement approved by the department, any receiving

1 plan that is a party to the arrangement shall submit a report to the  
2 department within twelve months of the effective date of the trans-  
3 action. Such reports shall be in a form and format to be determined by  
4 the department and shall include, but not be limited to, information  
5 about the enrollees transferred and enrollee service authorization data  
6 before and after transfer. The department shall make a summary of the  
7 report available to the public.

8 § 7. Intentionally omitted.

9 § 8. Subdivision 1 of section 367-a of the social services law is  
10 amended by adding a new paragraph (h) to read as follows:

11 (h) Amounts payable under this title for medical assistance in the  
12 form of freestanding clinic services pursuant to article twenty-eight of  
13 the public health law provided to eligible persons participating in the  
14 New York traumatic brain injury waiver program who are also benefici-  
15 aries under part B of title XVIII of the federal social security act or  
16 who are qualified medicare beneficiaries under part B of title XVIII of  
17 such act shall not be less than the approved medical assistance payment  
18 level less the amount payable under part B.

19 § 9. The commissioner of health, in consultation with the rural health  
20 council, shall conduct a study of home and community based services  
21 available to recipients of the Medicaid program in rural areas of the  
22 state. Such study shall include a review and analysis of factors affect-  
23 ing such availability, including but not limited to transportation  
24 costs, costs of direct care personnel including home health aides,  
25 personal care attendants and other direct service personnel, opportu-  
26 nities for telehealth services, and technological advances to improve  
27 efficiencies. Consistent with the results of the study, the commissioner  
28 of health is authorized to provide a targeted Medicaid rate enhancement  
29 to fee-for-service personal care rates and rates under Medicaid waiver  
30 programs such as the nursing home transition and diversion waiver and  
31 the traumatic brain injury program waiver, in an aggregate amount of  
32 three million dollars minus the cost of conducting the study; provided  
33 further, that nothing in this section shall be deemed to affect payment  
34 for the costs of the study and any related Medicaid rate enhancement if  
35 federal participation is not available for such costs.

36 § 9-a. Subdivision 7 of section 4403-f of the public health law is  
37 amended by adding a new paragraph (j) to read as follows:

38 (j) Limitations on licensed home care service agency contracts. (i)  
39 The commissioner may establish methodologies to limit the number of  
40 licensed home care services agencies licensed pursuant to article thir-  
41 ty-six of the public health law with which managed long term care plans  
42 may enter into contracts, provided that such limitations are consistent  
43 with the specifications set forth in this paragraph.

44 (ii) Managed long term care plans operating in the city of New York  
45 and/or the counties of Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester may enter into  
46 contracts with licensed home care services agencies in such region in a  
47 maximum number calculated based upon the following methodology:

48 (A) As of October first, two thousand eighteen, one contract per  
49 seventy-five members enrolled in the plan within such region; and

50 (B) As of October first, two thousand nineteen, one contract per one  
51 hundred members enrolled in the plan within such region.

52 (iii) Managed long term care plans operating in counties other than  
53 those in the city of New York and the counties of Nassau, Suffolk, and  
54 Westchester may enter into contracts with licensed home care services  
55 agencies in such region in a maximum number calculated based upon the  
56 following methodology:

1 (A) As of October first, two thousand eighteen, one contract per  
2 forty-five members enrolled in the plan within such region.

3 (B) As of October first, two thousand nineteen, one contract per sixty  
4 members enrolled in the plan within such region.

5 (iv) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph, a  
6 managed long term care plan shall not enter into less than the number of  
7 contracts with licensed home care services agencies in each county in  
8 which the plan operates as is necessary to remain consistent with  
9 network adequacy standards, as determined by the department in accord-  
10 ance with federal regulations.

11 (v) When calculating the number of additional contracts that a managed  
12 long term care plan may enter using the methodologies established pursu-  
13 ant to this paragraph, any fractional result shall be rounded down.

14 (vi) The commissioner may increase the number of licensed home care  
15 services agencies with which a managed long term care plan may contract,  
16 on a county by county basis, if the commissioner determines that such  
17 increase is necessary to: ensure adequate access to services in the  
18 geographic area including, but not limited to, special needs services  
19 and services that are culturally and linguistically appropriate; or to  
20 avoid disruption in services in the geographic area.

21 (vii) Any licensed home care services agency that ceases operation as  
22 a result of this paragraph shall conform with all applicable require-  
23 ments, including but not limited to demonstrating to the department's  
24 satisfaction continuity of care for individuals receiving services from  
25 the agency.

26 (viii) The commissioner may require managed long term care plans to  
27 provide evidence of compliance with this paragraph, on an annual basis.

28 (ix) In implementing the provisions of this paragraph, the commission-  
29 er shall, to the extent practicable, consider and select methodologies  
30 that seek to maximize continuity of care and minimize disruption to the  
31 provider labor workforce, and shall, to the extent practicable and  
32 consistent with the ratios set forth herein, continue to support  
33 contracts between managed long term care plans and licensed home care  
34 services agencies that are based on a commitment to quality and value.

35 (x) This subparagraph applies where implementation of the limits on  
36 contracts with licensed home care service agencies of this paragraph (i)  
37 would otherwise require an enrollee's care to be transferred from the  
38 enrollee's current licensed home care service agency to another licensed  
39 care service agency, and (ii) the enrollee (or the enrollee's authorized  
40 representative) wants the enrollee to continue to be cared for by one or  
41 more employees of the current licensed home care service agency, and  
42 that continuation would otherwise be provided. In such a case: the  
43 enrollee's managed long term care plan may contract with the enrollee's  
44 current licensed home care service agency for the purpose of continuing  
45 the enrollee's care by such employee or employees, and the contract  
46 shall not count towards the limits on contracts under this paragraph for  
47 a period of three months.

48 § 9-b. Subdivisions 4 and 6 of section 3605 of the public health law,  
49 subdivision 4 as amended by section 62 of part A of chapter 58 of the  
50 laws of 2010, subdivision 6 as added by chapter 959 of the laws of 1984,  
51 are amended to read as follows:

52 4. The public health and health planning council shall not approve an  
53 application for licensure unless it is satisfied as to: (a) the public  
54 need for the existence of the licensed home health care service agency  
55 at the time and place and under the circumstances proposed; (b) the  
56 character, competence and standing in the community of the applicant's

1 incorporators, directors, sponsors, stockholders or operators; (c) the  
2 financial resources of the proposed licensed home health care service  
3 agency and its sources of financial revenues; and (d) such other matters  
4 as it shall deem pertinent.

5 6. Neither [~~public-need,~~] tax status nor profit-making status shall be  
6 criteria for licensure.

7 § 9-c. Subdivision 2 of section 3605-a of the public health law, as  
8 added by chapter 959 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:

9 2. No such license shall be revoked, suspended, limited, annulled or  
10 denied without a hearing. However, a license may be temporarily  
11 suspended or limited without a hearing for a period not in excess of  
12 thirty days upon written notice to the agency following a finding by the  
13 department that the public health or safety is in imminent danger.

14 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no licensed home care  
15 services agency shall be permitted to operate unless it has registered  
16 with the department pursuant to section thirty-six hundred five-b of  
17 this article.

18 § 9-d. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3605-b  
19 to read as follows:

20 § 3605-b. Registration of licensed home care services agencies. 1.

21 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no licensed  
22 home care services agency (LHCSA) licensed pursuant to section thirty-  
23 six hundred five of this article shall be operated, provide nursing  
24 services, home health aide services, or personal care services, or  
25 receive reimbursement from any source for the provision of such services  
26 during any period of time on or after January first, two thousand nine-  
27 teen, unless it has registered with the commissioner in a manner  
28 prescribed by the department.

29 (b) A LHCSA that fails to submit a complete and accurate set of all  
30 required registration materials by the deadline established by the  
31 commissioner shall be required to pay a fee of five hundred dollars for  
32 each month or part thereof that the LHCSA is in default. A LHCSA that  
33 failed to register in the prior year by the deadline of the current year  
34 shall not be permitted to register for the upcoming registration period  
35 unless it submits any unpaid late fees.

36 (c) The department shall post on its public website a list of all  
37 LHCSAs, which shall indicate the current registration status of each  
38 LHCSA.

39 (d) The department shall institute proceedings to revoke the license  
40 of any LHCSA that fails to register for two annual registration periods,  
41 whether or not such periods are consecutive. The department shall have  
42 the discretion to pursue revocation of the license of a LHCSA on grounds  
43 that it evidences a pattern of late registration over the course of  
44 multiple years.

45 § 9-e. Effective April 1, 2018, the commissioner of health shall place  
46 a moratorium on the processing and approval of applications seeking  
47 licensure of a licensed home care services agency pursuant to section  
48 3605 of the public health law that have not received establishment  
49 approval or contingent establishment approval by the public health and  
50 health planning council, except for: (a) an application seeking licen-  
51 sure of a licensed home care services agency that is submitted with an  
52 application for approval as an assisted living program authorized pursu-  
53 ant to section 461-1 of the social services law; (b) an application  
54 seeking approval to transfer ownership for an existing licensed home  
55 care services agency that has been licensed and operating for a minimum  
56 of five years for the purpose of consolidating ownership of two or more



1 licensed home care services agencies; and (c) an application seeking  
2 licensure of a home care services agency where the applicant demon-  
3 strates to the satisfaction of the commissioner of health that  
4 submission of the application to the public health and health planning  
5 council for consideration would be appropriate on grounds that the  
6 application addresses a serious concern such as a lack of access to home  
7 care services in the geographic area or a lack of adequate and appropri-  
8 ate care, language and cultural competence, or special needs services.  
9 Such moratorium shall expire on March 31, 2020. In implementing the  
10 provisions of this section, the commissioner shall, to the extent prac-  
11 ticable, review and, where appropriate, prioritize presentation to the  
12 public health and health planning council of complete applications under  
13 paragraph (b) of this section where the applicants demonstrate, to the  
14 satisfaction of the commissioner, that the proposed change in ownership  
15 is consistent with the goals of paragraph (j) of subdivision 7 of  
16 section 4403-f of the public health law.

17 § 9-f. Section 365-f of the social services law is amended by adding a  
18 new subdivision 4-c to read as follows:

19 4-c. Advertising by fiscal intermediaries. (a) A fiscal intermediary  
20 shall not publish any advertisement that is false or misleading. For  
21 purposes of this subdivision, an advertisement is any material produced  
22 in any medium that can reasonably be interpreted as intended to market  
23 the fiscal intermediary's services to medical assistance recipients.

24 (b) Fiscal intermediaries shall submit all advertisements to the  
25 department prior to dissemination. Fiscal intermediaries shall not  
26 disseminate any advertisement until it has been approved by the depart-  
27 ment. The department shall render a decision on such submissions within  
28 thirty days.

29 (c) Upon a fiscal intermediary's receipt of notification by the  
30 commissioner that the fiscal intermediary has disseminated a false or  
31 misleading advertisement, or that the fiscal intermediary disseminated  
32 an advertisement without the department's approval, the fiscal interme-  
33 diary shall have thirty days to cease disseminating or remove such  
34 advertisement.

35 (d) Upon the commissioner's determination that a fiscal intermediary  
36 has disseminated two advertisements that are either false or misleading  
37 or that were not approved by the department, such entity shall be  
38 prohibited from providing fiscal intermediary services and any authori-  
39 zation granted shall be immediately revoked, suspended, limited or  
40 annulled pursuant to subdivision four-b of this section. The department  
41 shall maintain a list of such entities and shall make such list avail-  
42 able to contracting entities listed in subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a)  
43 of subdivision four-a of this section.

44 § 10. Paragraph (d-2) of subdivision 3 of section 364-j of the social  
45 services law, as added by section 20-a of part B of chapter 59 of the  
46 laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

47 (d-2) Services provided pursuant to waivers, granted pursuant to  
48 subsection (c) of section 1915 of the federal social security act, to  
49 persons suffering from traumatic brain injuries or qualifying for nurs-  
50 ing home diversion and transition services, shall not be provided to  
51 medical assistance recipients through managed care programs until at  
52 least January first, two thousand [eighteen] ~~eighteen~~ twenty-two.

53 § 11. Section 4012 of the public health law is amended by adding a new  
54 subdivision 5 to read as follows:

55 5. The commissioner shall establish a methodology as of July first,  
56 two thousand eighteen subject to federal financial participation that

1 shall ensure a prospective ten-percent increase in the medicaid  
2 reimbursement rates for hospice providers, relative to the reimbursement  
3 rate, as of March thirty-first, two thousand eighteen, for services  
4 provided by such providers on and after April first, two thousand eigh-  
5 teen.

6 § 12. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
7 the amendments to paragraph (b) of subdivision 7 of section 4403-f of  
8 the public health law made by sections three, four and five of this act  
9 shall not affect the expiration of such paragraph pursuant to subdivi-  
10 sion (i) of section 111 of part H of chapter 59 of the laws of 2011, as  
11 amended, and shall be deemed to expire therewith; provided, further,  
12 that the amendments to section 4403-f of the public health law made by  
13 sections three, four, five, six and nine-a of this act shall not affect  
14 the repeal of such section pursuant to chapter 659 of the laws of 1997,  
15 as amended, and shall be deemed repealed therewith; provided, further,  
16 that section four of this act shall take effect on October 1, 2018;  
17 provided, further, that section nine-b of this act shall take effect  
18 April 1, 2020; provided further that the commissioner of health is  
19 authorized to issue regulations establishing the methodology for the  
20 determination of public need pursuant to subdivision 4 of section 3605  
21 of the public health law, as amended by section two of this act, prior  
22 to such date; provided, further, that section nine-f of this act shall  
23 apply to marketing contracts entered into after the effective date of  
24 this act; and provided, further that the amendments to section 364-j of  
25 the social services law made by section ten of this act shall not affect  
26 the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

27 PART C

28 Section 1. Intentionally omitted.

29 § 2. Section 365-1 of the social services law is amended by adding a  
30 new subdivision 2-d to read as follows:

31 2-d. The commissioner shall establish reasonable targets for health  
32 home participation by enrollees of special needs managed care plans  
33 designated pursuant to subdivision four of section three hundred sixty-  
34 five-m of this title and by high-risk enrollees of other Medicaid  
35 managed care plans operating pursuant to section three hundred sixty-  
36 four-j of this title, and shall encourage both the managed care provid-  
37 ers and the health homes to work collaboratively with each other to  
38 achieve such targets. The commissioner may assess penalties under this  
39 subdivision in instances of failure to meet the participation targets  
40 established pursuant to this subdivision, where the department has  
41 determined that such failure reflected the absence of a good faith and  
42 reasonable effort to achieve the participation targets, except that  
43 managed care providers shall not be penalized for the failure of a  
44 health home to work collaboratively toward meeting the participation  
45 targets and a health home shall not be penalized for the failure of a  
46 managed care provider to work collaboratively toward meeting the partic-  
47 ipation targets.

48 § 3. Subdivision 6 of section 2899 of the public health law, as  
49 amended by chapter 471 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as  
50 follows:

51 6. "Provider" shall mean: (a) any residential health care facility  
52 licensed under article twenty-eight of this chapter; or any certified  
53 home health agency, licensed home care services agency or long term home  
54 health care program certified under article thirty-six of this chapter;



1 any hospice program certified pursuant to article forty of this chapter;  
2 or any adult home, enriched housing program or residence for adults  
3 licensed under article seven of the social services law; or (b) a health  
4 home, or any subcontractor of such health home, who contracts with or is  
5 approved or otherwise authorized by the department to provide health  
6 home services to all those enrolled pursuant to a diagnosis of a devel-  
7 opmental disability as defined in subdivision twenty-two of section 1.03  
8 of the mental hygiene law and enrollees who are under twenty-one years  
9 of age under section three hundred sixty-five-1 of the social services  
10 law, or any entity that provides home and community based services to  
11 enrollees who are under twenty-one years of age under a demonstration  
12 program pursuant to section eleven hundred fifteen of the federal social  
13 security act.

14 § 3-a. Subdivision 7 of section 2899-a of the public health law, as  
15 amended by chapter 88 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 7. The department promptly shall make all determinations and actions  
18 required by subdivision five of section eight hundred forty-five-b of  
19 the executive law upon receipt of the information from the division of  
20 criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investigation,  
21 provided that when rendering a determination to propose denial of  
22 employment eligibility, the department shall provide the individual who  
23 is the subject of the criminal history information check with a copy of  
24 such criminal history information and a copy of article twenty-three-A  
25 of the correction law and inform such individual of his or her right to  
26 seek correction of any incorrect information contained in such criminal  
27 history information pursuant to the regulations and procedures estab-  
28 lished by the division of criminal justice services. The department  
29 shall create a permanent record, update the information in accordance  
30 with section eight hundred forty-five-b of the executive law and make  
31 only records or information received from the division of criminal  
32 justice services available to providers pursuant to this section.

33 § 4. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 9 of section 2899-a of the public  
34 health law, as added by chapter 331 of the laws of 2006, is amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 (b) Residential health care facilities licensed pursuant to article  
37 twenty-eight of this chapter and certified home health care agencies and  
38 long-term home health care programs certified or approved pursuant to  
39 article thirty-six of this chapter or a health home, or any subcontrac-  
40 tor of such health home, who contracts with or is approved or otherwise  
41 authorized by the department to provide health home services to all  
42 those enrolled pursuant to a diagnosis of a developmental disability as  
43 defined in subdivision twenty-two of section 1.03 of the mental hygiene  
44 law and enrollees who are under twenty-one years of age under section  
45 three hundred sixty-five-1 of the social services law, or any entity  
46 that provides home and community based services to enrollees who are  
47 under twenty-one years of age under a demonstration program pursuant to  
48 section eleven hundred fifteen of the federal social security act, may,  
49 subject to the availability of federal financial participation, claim as  
50 reimbursable costs under the medical assistance program, costs reflect-  
51 ing the fee established pursuant to law by the division of criminal  
52 justice services for processing a criminal history information check,  
53 the fee imposed by the federal bureau of investigation for a national  
54 criminal history check, and costs associated with obtaining the finger-  
55 prints, provided, however, that for the purposes of determining rates of  
56 payment pursuant to article twenty-eight of this chapter for residential

1 health care facilities, such reimbursable fees and costs shall be  
2 reflected as timely as practicable in such rates within the applicable  
3 rate period.

4 § 5. Subdivision 10 of section 2899-a of the public health law, as  
5 amended by chapter 206 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 10. Notwithstanding subdivision eleven of section eight hundred  
8 forty-five-b of the executive law, a certified home health agency,  
9 licensed home care services agency or long term home health care program  
10 certified, licensed or approved under article thirty-six of this chapter  
11 or a home care services agency exempt from certification or licensure  
12 under article thirty-six of this chapter, a hospice program under arti-  
13 cle forty of this chapter, or an adult home, enriched housing program or  
14 residence for adults licensed under article seven of the social services  
15 law, or a health home, or any subcontractor of such health home, who  
16 contracts with or is approved or otherwise authorized by the department  
17 to provide health home services to all enrollees enrolled pursuant to a  
18 diagnosis of a developmental disability as defined in subdivision twenty-  
19 two of section 1.03 of the mental hygiene law and enrollees who are  
20 under twenty-one years of age under section three hundred sixty-five-1  
21 of the social services law, or any entity that provides home and commu-  
22 nity based services to enrollees who are under twenty-one years of age  
23 under a demonstration program pursuant to section eleven hundred fifteen  
24 of the federal social security act may temporarily approve a prospective  
25 employee while the results of the criminal history information check and  
26 the determination are pending, upon the condition that the provider  
27 conducts appropriate direct observation and evaluation of the temporary  
28 employee, while he or she is temporarily employed, and the care recipi-  
29 ent; provided, however, that for a health home, or any subcontractor of  
30 a health home, who contracts with or is approved or otherwise authorized  
31 by the department to provide health home services to all enrollees  
32 enrolled pursuant to a diagnosis of developmental disability as defined  
33 in subdivision twenty-two of section 1.03 of the mental hygiene law and  
34 enrollees who are under twenty-one years of age under section three  
35 hundred sixty-five-1 of the social services law, or any entity that  
36 provides home and community based services to enrollees who are under  
37 twenty-one years of age under a demonstration program pursuant to  
38 section eleven hundred fifteen of the federal social security act,  
39 direct observation and evaluation of temporary employees shall not be  
40 required until April first, two thousand nineteen. The results of such  
41 observations shall be documented in the temporary employee's personnel  
42 file and shall be maintained. For purposes of providing such appropriate  
43 direct observation and evaluation, the provider shall utilize an indi-  
44 vidual employed by such provider with a minimum of one year's experience  
45 working in an agency certified, licensed or approved under article thir-  
46 ty-six of this chapter or an adult home, enriched housing program or  
47 residence for adults licensed under article seven of the social services  
48 law, a health home, or any subcontractor of such health home, who  
49 contracts with or is approved or otherwise authorized by the department  
50 to provide health home services to those enrolled pursuant to a diagno-  
51 sis of a developmental disability as defined in subdivision twenty-two  
52 of section 1.03 of the mental hygiene law and enrollees who are under  
53 twenty-one years of age under section three hundred sixty-five-1 of the  
54 social services law, or any entity that provides home and community  
55 based services to enrollees who are under twenty-one years of age under  
56 a demonstration program pursuant to section eleven hundred fifteen of

1 the federal social security act. If the temporary employee is working  
2 under contract with another provider certified, licensed or approved  
3 under article thirty-six of this chapter, such contract provider's  
4 appropriate direct observation and evaluation of the temporary employee,  
5 shall be considered sufficient for the purposes of complying with this  
6 subdivision.

7 § 6. Subdivision 3 of section 424-a of the social services law, as  
8 amended by section 3 of part Q of chapter 56 of the laws of 2017, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 3. For purposes of this section, the term "provider" or "provider  
11 agency" shall mean: an authorized agency; the office of children and  
12 family services; juvenile detention facilities subject to the certif-  
13 ication of the office of children and family services; programs estab-  
14 lished pursuant to article nineteen-H of the executive law; non-residen-  
15 tial or residential programs or facilities licensed or operated by the  
16 office of mental health or the office for people with developmental  
17 disabilities except family care homes; licensed child day care centers,  
18 including head start programs which are funded pursuant to title V of  
19 the federal economic opportunity act of nineteen hundred sixty-four, as  
20 amended; early intervention service established pursuant to section  
21 twenty-five hundred forty of the public health law; preschool services  
22 established pursuant to section forty-four hundred ten of the education  
23 law; school-age child care programs; special act school districts as  
24 enumerated in chapter five hundred sixty-six of the laws of nineteen  
25 hundred sixty-seven, as amended; programs and facilities licensed by the  
26 office of alcoholism and substance abuse services; residential schools  
27 which are operated, supervised or approved by the education department;  
28 health homes, or any subcontractor of such health homes, who contracts  
29 with or is approved or otherwise authorized by the department of health  
30 to provide health home services to all those enrolled pursuant to a  
31 diagnosis of a developmental disability as defined in subdivision twen-  
32 ty-two of section 1.03 of the mental hygiene law and enrollees who are  
33 under twenty-one years of age under section three hundred sixty-five-1  
34 of this chapter, or any entity that provides home and community based  
35 services to enrollees who are under twenty-one years of age under a  
36 demonstration program pursuant to section eleven hundred fifteen of the  
37 federal social security act; publicly-funded emergency shelters for  
38 families with children, provided, however, for purposes of this section,  
39 when the provider or provider agency is a publicly-funded emergency  
40 shelter for families with children, then all references in this section  
41 to the "potential for regular and substantial contact with individuals  
42 who are cared for by the agency" shall mean the potential for regular  
43 and substantial contact with children who are served by such shelter;  
44 and any other facility or provider agency, as defined in subdivision  
45 four of section four hundred eighty-eight of this chapter, in regard to  
46 the employment of staff, or use of providers of goods and services and  
47 staff of such providers, consultants, interns and volunteers.

48 § 7. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 413 of the social  
49 services law, as amended by section 2 of part Q of chapter 56 of the  
50 laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

51 (a) The following persons and officials are required to report or  
52 cause a report to be made in accordance with this title when they have  
53 reasonable cause to suspect that a child coming before them in their  
54 professional or official capacity is an abused or maltreated child, or  
55 when they have reasonable cause to suspect that a child is an abused or  
56 maltreated child where the parent, guardian, custodian or other person

1 legally responsible for such child comes before them in their profes-  
2 sional or official capacity and states from personal knowledge facts,  
3 conditions or circumstances which, if correct, would render the child an  
4 abused or maltreated child: any physician; registered physician assist-  
5 ant; surgeon; medical examiner; coroner; dentist; dental hygienist;  
6 osteopath; optometrist; chiropractor; podiatrist; resident; intern;  
7 psychologist; registered nurse; social worker; emergency medical techni-  
8 cian; licensed creative arts therapist; licensed marriage and family  
9 therapist; licensed mental health counselor; licensed psychoanalyst;  
10 licensed behavior analyst; certified behavior analyst assistant; hospi-  
11 tal personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment  
12 of persons; a Christian Science practitioner; school official, which  
13 includes but is not limited to school teacher, school guidance counse-  
14 lor, school psychologist, school social worker, school nurse, school  
15 administrator or other school personnel required to hold a teaching or  
16 administrative license or certificate; full or part-time compensated  
17 school employee required to hold a temporary coaching license or profes-  
18 sional coaching certificate; social services worker; employee of a publ-  
19 ically-funded emergency shelter for families with children; director of a  
20 children's overnight camp, summer day camp or traveling summer day camp,  
21 as such camps are defined in section thirteen hundred ninety-two of the  
22 public health law; day care center worker; school-age child care worker;  
23 provider of family or group family day care; employee or volunteer in a  
24 residential care facility for children that is licensed, certified or  
25 operated by the office of children and family services; or any other  
26 child care or foster care worker; mental health professional; substance  
27 abuse counselor; alcoholism counselor; all persons credentialed by the  
28 office of alcoholism and substance abuse services; employees, who are  
29 expected to have regular and substantial contact with children, of a  
30 health home or health home care management agency contracting with a  
31 health home as designated by the department of health and authorized  
32 under section three hundred sixty-five-1 of this chapter or such employ-  
33 ees who provide home and community based services under a demonstration  
34 program pursuant to section eleven hundred fifteen of the federal social  
35 security act who are expected to have regular and substantial contact  
36 with children; peace officer; police officer; district attorney or  
37 assistant district attorney; investigator employed in the office of a  
38 district attorney; or other law enforcement official.

39 § 8. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of sections 112 and  
40 163 of the state finance law, or sections 142 and 143 of the economic  
41 development law, or any other contrary provision of law, excepting the  
42 13 responsible vendor requirements of the state finance law, including,  
43 but not limited to, sections 163 and 139-k of the state finance law, the  
44 commissioner of health is authorized to amend or otherwise extend the  
45 terms of a contract awarded prior to the effective date and entered into  
46 pursuant to subdivision 24 of section 206 of the public health law, as  
47 added by section 39 of part C of chapter 58 of the laws of 2008, and a  
48 contract awarded prior to the effective date and entered into to conduct  
49 enrollment broker and conflict-free evaluation services for the Medicaid  
50 program, both for a period of three years, without a competitive bid or  
51 request for proposal process, upon determination that the existing  
52 contractor is qualified to continue to provide such services, and  
53 provided that efficiency savings are achieved during the period of  
54 extension; and provided, further, that the department of health shall  
55 submit a request for applications for such contract during the time  
56 period specified in this section and may terminate the contract identi-

1 fied herein prior to expiration of the extension authorized by this  
2 section.

3 § 9. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
4 the amendments to subdivision 6 of section 2899 of the public health law  
5 made by section three of this act shall take effect on the same date and  
6 in the same manner as section 8 of chapter 471 of the laws of 2016, as  
7 amended, takes effect and shall not affect the expiration of such subdivi-  
8 sion and shall be deemed to expire therewith; provided, further that  
9 section three-a of this act shall take effect on the one hundred eight-  
10 ieth day after it shall have become a law.

11 PART D

12 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 9 of section 367-a of the  
13 social services law, as amended by section 7 of part D of chapter 57 of  
14 the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

15 (d) In addition to the amounts paid pursuant to paragraph (b) of this  
16 subdivision, the department shall pay a professional pharmacy dispensing  
17 fee for each such drug dispensed in the amount of ten dollars and eight  
18 cents per prescription or written order of a practitioner; provided,  
19 however that this professional dispensing fee will not apply to drugs  
20 that are available without a prescription as required by section sixty-  
21 eight hundred ten of the education law but do not meet the definition of  
22 a covered outpatient drug pursuant to Section 1927K of the Social Secu-  
23 rity Act.

24 § 2. Intentionally omitted.

25 § 3. Intentionally omitted.

26 § 4. Intentionally omitted.

27 § 5. Intentionally omitted.

28 § 6. Intentionally omitted.

29 § 7. Subdivision 4 of section 365-a of the social services law is  
30 amended by adding a new paragraph (h) to read as follows:

31 (h) opioids prescribed in violation of the treatment plan standards of  
32 subdivision eight of section thirty-three hundred thirty-one of the  
33 public health law or treatment plan standards as otherwise required by  
34 the commissioner.

35 § 7-a. Section 3331 of the public health law is amended by adding a  
36 new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

37 8. No opioids shall be prescribed to a patient initiating or being  
38 maintained on opioid treatment for pain which has lasted more than three  
39 months or past the time of normal tissue healing, unless the medical  
40 record contains a written treatment plan that follows generally accepted  
41 national professional or governmental guidelines. The requirements of  
42 this paragraph shall not apply in the case of patients who are being  
43 treated for cancer that is not in remission, who are in hospice or other  
44 end-of-life care, or whose pain is being treated as part of palliative  
45 care practices.

46 § 8. Section 280 of the public health law, as added by section 1 of  
47 part D of chapter 57 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

48 § 280. Medicaid drug cap. 1. The legislature hereby finds and declares  
49 that there is a significant public interest for the Medicaid program to  
50 manage drug costs in a manner that ensures patient access while provid-  
51 ing financial stability for the state and participating providers.  
52 Since two thousand eleven, the state has taken significant steps to  
53 contain costs in the Medicaid program by imposing a statutory limit on  
54 annual growth. Drug expenditures, however, continually outpace other



1 cost components causing significant pressure on the state, providers,  
2 and patient access operating under the Medicaid global cap. It is there-  
3 fore intended that the department establish a Medicaid drug cap as a  
4 separate component within the Medicaid global cap as part of a focused  
5 and sustained effort to balance the growth of drug expenditures with the  
6 growth of total Medicaid expenditures.

7 2. The commissioner shall establish a year to year department of  
8 health [~~state-funds~~] state funds Medicaid drug [~~spending~~] expenditure  
9 growth target as follows:

10 (a) for state fiscal year two thousand seventeen--two thousand eigh-  
11 teen, be limited to the ten-year rolling average of the medical compo-  
12 nent of the consumer price index plus five percent and minus a pharmacy  
13 savings target of fifty-five million dollars; and

14 (b) for state fiscal year two thousand eighteen--two thousand nine-  
15 teen, be limited to the ten-year rolling average of the medical compo-  
16 nent of the consumer price index plus four percent and minus a pharmacy  
17 savings target of eighty-five million dollars[+]; and

18 (c) for state fiscal year two thousand nineteen--two thousand twenty,  
19 be limited to the ten-year rolling average of the medical component of  
20 the consumer price index plus four percent and minus a pharmacy savings  
21 target of eighty-five million dollars.

22 3. The department and the division of the budget shall assess on a  
23 quarterly basis the projected total amount to be expended in the year on  
24 a cash basis by the Medicaid program for each drug, and the projected  
25 annual amount of state funds Medicaid drug expenditures on a cash basis  
26 for all drugs, which shall be a component of the projected department of  
27 health state funds Medicaid expenditures calculated for purposes of  
28 sections ninety-one and ninety-two of part H of chapter fifty-nine of  
29 the laws of two thousand eleven. For purposes of this section, state  
30 funds Medicaid drug expenditures include amounts expended for drugs in  
31 both the Medicaid fee-for-service program and Medicaid managed care  
32 programs, minus the amount of any drug rebates or supplemental drug  
33 rebates received by the department, including rebates pursuant to subdi-  
34 vision five of this section with respect to rebate targets. The depart-  
35 ment and the division of the budget shall report quarterly to the drug  
36 utilization review board the projected state funds Medicaid drug expend-  
37 itures including the amounts, in aggregate thereof, attributable to the  
38 net cost of: changes in the utilization of drugs by Medicaid recipients;  
39 changes in the number of Medicaid recipients; changes to the cost of  
40 brand name drugs and changes to the cost of generic drugs. The informa-  
41 tion contained in the report shall not be publicly released in a manner  
42 that allows for the identification of an individual drug or manufacturer  
43 or that is likely to compromise the financial competitive, or proprie-  
44 tary nature of the information.

45 (a) In the event the director of the budget determines, based on Medi-  
46 caid drug expenditures for the previous quarter or other relevant infor-  
47 mation, that the total department of health state funds Medicaid drug  
48 expenditure is projected to exceed the annual growth limitation imposed  
49 by subdivision two of this section, the commissioner may identify and  
50 refer drugs to the drug utilization review board established by section  
51 three hundred sixty-nine-bb of the social services law for a recommenda-  
52 tion as to whether a target supplemental Medicaid rebate should be paid  
53 by the manufacturer of the drug to the department and the target amount  
54 of the rebate.

55 (b) If the department intends to refer a drug to the drug utilization  
56 review board pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the depart-

1 ment shall notify the manufacturer of such drug and shall attempt to  
2 reach agreement with the manufacturer on a rebate for the drug prior to  
3 referring the drug to the drug utilization review board for review.

4 (c) In the event that the commissioner and the manufacturer have  
5 previously agreed to a supplemental rebate for a drug pursuant to para-  
6 graph (b) of this subdivision or paragraph (e) of subdivision seven of  
7 section three hundred sixty-seven-a of the social services law, the drug  
8 shall not be referred to the drug utilization review board for any  
9 further supplemental rebate for the duration of the previous rebate  
10 agreement.

11 (d) The department shall consider a drug's actual cost to the state,  
12 including current rebate amounts, prior to seeking an additional rebate  
13 pursuant to paragraph (b) or (c) of this subdivision and shall take into  
14 consideration whether the manufacturer of the drug is providing signif-  
15 icant discounts relative to other drugs covered by the Medicaid program.

16 (e) The commissioner shall be authorized to take the actions described  
17 in this section only so long as total Medicaid drug expenditures are  
18 projected to exceed the annual growth limitation imposed by subdivision  
19 two of this section.

20 4. In determining whether to recommend a target supplemental rebate  
21 for a drug, the drug utilization review board shall consider the actual  
22 cost of the drug to the Medicaid program, including federal and state  
23 rebates, and may consider, among other things:

24 (a) the drug's impact on the Medicaid drug spending growth target and  
25 the adequacy of capitation rates of participating Medicaid managed care  
26 plans, and the drug's affordability and value to the Medicaid program;  
27 or

28 (b) significant and unjustified increases in the price of the drug; or

29 (c) whether the drug may be priced disproportionately to its therapeu-  
30 tic benefits.

31 5. (a) If the drug utilization review board recommends a target rebate  
32 amount on a drug referred by the commissioner, the commissioner shall  
33 require a supplemental rebate to be paid by the drug's manufacturer in  
34 an amount not to exceed such target rebate amount. With respect to a  
35 rebate required in state fiscal year two thousand seventeen--two thou-  
36 sand eighteen, the rebate requirement shall apply beginning with the  
37 month of April, two thousand seventeen, without regard to the date the  
38 department enters into the rebate agreement with the manufacturer.

39 (b) The supplemental rebate required by paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
40 sion shall apply to drugs dispensed to enrollees of managed care provid-  
41 ers pursuant to section three hundred sixty-four-j of the social  
42 services law and to drugs dispensed to Medicaid recipients who are not  
43 enrollees of such providers.

44 (c) If the drug utilization review board recommends a target rebate  
45 amount for a drug and the department is unable to negotiate a rebate  
46 from the manufacturer in an amount that is at least seventy-five percent  
47 of the target rebate amount, the commissioner is authorized to waive the  
48 provisions of paragraph (b) of subdivision three of section two hundred  
49 seventy-three of this article and the provisions of subdivisions twen-  
50 ty-five and twenty-five-a of section three hundred sixty-four-j of the  
51 social services law with respect to such drug; however, this waiver  
52 shall not be implemented in situations where it would prevent access by  
53 a Medicaid recipient to a drug which is the only treatment for a partic-  
54 ular disease or condition. Under no circumstances shall the commissioner  
55 be authorized to waive such provisions with respect to more than two  
56 drugs in a given time.



1 (d) Where the department and a manufacturer enter into a rebate agree-  
2 ment pursuant to this section, which may be in addition to existing  
3 rebate agreements entered into by the manufacturer with respect to the  
4 same drug, no additional rebates shall be required to be paid by the  
5 manufacturer to a managed care provider or any of a managed care provid-  
6 er's agents, including but not limited to any pharmacy benefit manager,  
7 while the department is collecting the rebate pursuant to this section.

8 (e) In formulating a recommendation concerning a target rebate amount  
9 for a drug, the drug utilization review board may consider:

10 (i) publicly available information relevant to the pricing of the  
11 drug;

12 (ii) information supplied by the department relevant to the pricing of  
13 the drug;

14 (iii) information relating to value-based pricing;

15 (iv) the seriousness and prevalence of the disease or condition that  
16 is treated by the drug;

17 (v) the extent of utilization of the drug;

18 (vi) the effectiveness of the drug in treating the conditions for  
19 which it is prescribed, or in improving a patient's health, quality of  
20 life, or overall health outcomes;

21 (vii) the likelihood that use of the drug will reduce the need for  
22 other medical care, including hospitalization;

23 (viii) the average wholesale price, wholesale acquisition cost, retail  
24 price of the drug, and the cost of the drug to the Medicaid program  
25 minus rebates received by the state;

26 (ix) in the case of generic drugs, the number of pharmaceutical  
27 manufacturers that produce the drug;

28 (x) whether there are pharmaceutical equivalents to the drug; and

29 (xi) information supplied by the manufacturer, if any, explaining the  
30 relationship between the pricing of the drug and the cost of development  
31 of the drug and/or the therapeutic benefit of the drug, or that is  
32 otherwise pertinent to the manufacturer's pricing decision; any such  
33 information provided shall be considered confidential and shall not be  
34 disclosed by the drug utilization review board in a form that identifies  
35 a specific manufacturer or prices charged for drugs by such manufactur-  
36 er.

37 6. (a) If the drug utilization review board recommends a target rebate  
38 amount and the department is unsuccessful in entering into a rebate  
39 agreement with the manufacturer of the drug satisfactory to the depart-  
40 ment, the drug manufacturer shall in that event be required to provide  
41 to the department, on a standard reporting form developed by the depart-  
42 ment, the following information:

43 (i) the actual cost of developing, manufacturing, producing (including  
44 the cost per dose of production), and distributing the drug;

45 (ii) research and development costs of the drug, including payments to  
46 predecessor entities conducting research and development, such as  
47 biotechnology companies, universities and medical schools, and private  
48 research institutions;

49 (iii) administrative, marketing, and advertising costs for the drug,  
50 apportioned by marketing activities that are directed to consumers,  
51 marketing activities that are directed to prescribers, and the total  
52 cost of all marketing and advertising that is directed primarily to  
53 consumers and prescribers in New York, including but not limited to  
54 prescriber detailing, copayment discount programs, and direct-to-consum-  
55 er marketing;

56 (iv) the extent of utilization of the drug;

1 (v) prices for the drug that are charged to purchasers outside the  
2 United States;

3 (vi) prices charged to typical purchasers in the state, including but  
4 not limited to pharmacies, pharmacy chains, pharmacy wholesalers, or  
5 other direct purchasers;

6 (vii) the average rebates and discounts provided per payer type in the  
7 State; and

8 (viii) the average profit margin of each drug over the prior five-year  
9 period and the projected profit margin anticipated for such drug.

10 (b) All information disclosed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdi-  
11 vision shall be considered confidential and shall not be disclosed by  
12 the department in a form that identifies a specific manufacturer or  
13 prices charged for drugs by such manufacturer.

14 7. (a) If, after taking into account all rebates and supplemental  
15 rebates received by the department, including rebates received to date  
16 pursuant to this section, total Medicaid drug expenditures are still  
17 projected to exceed the annual growth limitation imposed by subdivision  
18 two of this section, the commissioner [~~of health~~] may: [~~subject drugs to~~  
19 ~~prior approval in accordance with existing processes and procedures,~~  
20 ~~which may include all drugs of a manufacturer that has not entered into~~  
21 ~~a supplemental rebate agreement required by this section;~~] subject any  
22 drug of a manufacturer referred to the drug utilization review board  
23 under this section to prior approval in accordance with existing proc-  
24 esses and procedures when such manufacturer has not entered into a  
25 supplemental rebate agreement as required by this section; directing  
26 managed care plans to remove from their Medicaid formularies those drugs  
27 [~~with respect to which a~~] that the drug utilization review board recom-  
28 ends a target rebate amount for and the manufacturer has failed to  
29 enter into a rebate agreement required by this section; promoting the  
30 use of cost effective and clinically appropriate drugs other than those  
31 of a manufacturer who has a drug that the drug utilization review board  
32 recommends a target rebate amount and the manufacturer has failed to  
33 enter into a rebate agreement required by this section; allowing  
34 manufacturers to accelerate rebate payments under existing rebate  
35 contracts; and such other actions as authorized by law. The commissioner  
36 shall provide written notice to the legislature thirty days prior to  
37 taking action pursuant to this paragraph, unless action is necessary in  
38 the fourth quarter of a fiscal year to prevent total Medicaid drug  
39 expenditures from exceeding the limitation imposed by subdivision two of  
40 this section, in which case such notice to the legislature may be less  
41 than thirty days.

42 (b) The commissioner shall be authorized to take the actions described  
43 in paragraph (a) of this subdivision only so long as total Medicaid drug  
44 expenditures are projected to exceed the annual growth limitation  
45 imposed by subdivision two of this section. In addition, no such actions  
46 shall be deemed to supersede the provisions of paragraph (b) of subdivi-  
47 sion three of section two hundred seventy-three of this article or the  
48 provisions of subdivisions twenty-five and twenty-five-a of section  
49 three hundred sixty-four-j of the social services law, except as allowed  
50 by paragraph (c) of subdivision five of this section; provided further  
51 that nothing in this section shall prevent access by a Medicaid recipi-  
52 ent to a drug which is the only treatment for a particular disease or  
53 condition.

54 8. The commissioner shall report by February first annually to the  
55 drug utilization review board on savings achieved through the drug cap  
56 in the last year. Such report shall provide data on what savings were

1 achieved through actions pursuant to subdivisions three, five and seven  
2 of this section, respectively, and what savings were achieved through  
3 other means and how such savings were calculated and implemented.

4 § 9. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to  
5 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2018; provided,  
6 however, that the amendments to paragraph (d) of subdivision 9 of  
7 section 367-a of the social services law made by section one of this act  
8 shall not affect the expiration or repeal of such provisions and shall  
9 expire or be deemed repealed therewith.

10 PART E

11 Intentionally Omitted

12 PART F

13 Intentionally Omitted

14 PART G

15 Intentionally Omitted

16 PART H

17 Intentionally Omitted

18 PART I

19 Intentionally Omitted

20 PART J

21 Section 1. Paragraph (h) of subdivision 1 of section 189 of the state  
22 finance law, as amended by section 8 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws  
23 of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

24 (h) knowingly conceals or knowingly and improperly avoids or decreases  
25 an obligation to pay or transmit money or property to the state or a  
26 local government, or conspires to do the same; shall be liable to the  
27 state or a local government, as applicable, for a civil penalty of not  
28 less than six thousand dollars and not more than twelve thousand  
29 dollars, as adjusted to be equal to the civil penalty allowed under the  
30 federal False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. sec. 3729, et seq., as amended, as  
31 adjusted for inflation by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjust-  
32 ment Act of 1990, as amended (28 U.S.C. 2461 note; Pub. L. No. 101-410),  
33 plus three times the amount of all damages, including consequential  
34 damages, which the state or local government sustains because of the act  
35 of that person.

36 § 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 190-b to  
37 read as follows:

38 § 190-b. Medicaid fraud recovery reporting. The attorney general shall  
39 make an annual report to the temporary president of the senate, speaker  
40 of the assembly, chair of the senate finance committee, chair of the  
41 assembly ways and means committee, chair of the senate health committee,  
42 and chair of the assembly health committee by April fifteenth of each  
43 year. Such report shall include the amount of monies recovered by the

1 medicaid fraud control unit pursuant to the false claims act for the  
2 preceding calendar year.

3 § 3. This act shall take effect September 30, 2018.

4 PART K

5 Section 1. Section 3612 of the public health law is amended by adding  
6 a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

7 8. (a) The commissioner may require a health home or licensed home  
8 care services agency to report on the costs incurred by the health home  
9 or licensed home care services agency in rendering health care services  
10 to Medicaid beneficiaries. The department of health may specify the  
11 frequency and format of such reports, determine the type and amount of  
12 information to be submitted, and require the submission of supporting  
13 documentation, provided, however, that the department shall provide no  
14 less than ninety calendar days' notice before such reports are due.

15 (b) If the department determines that the cost report submitted by a  
16 provider is inaccurate or incomplete, the department shall notify the  
17 provider in writing and advise the provider of the correction or addi-  
18 tional information that the provider must submit. The provider must  
19 submit the corrected or additional information within thirty calendar  
20 days from the date the provider receives the notice.

21 (c) The department shall grant a provider an additional thirty calen-  
22 dar days to submit the original, corrected or additional cost report  
23 when the provider, prior to the date the report is due, submits a writ-  
24 ten request to the department for an extension and establishes to the  
25 department's satisfaction that the provider cannot submit the report by  
26 the date due for reasons beyond the provider's control.

27 (d) All reports shall be certified by the owner, administrator, chief  
28 executive officer, or public official responsible for the operation of  
29 the provider. The cost report form shall include a certification form,  
30 which shall specify who must certify the report.

31 § 1-a. Subdivision 4-a of section 365-f of the social services law is  
32 amended by adding a new paragraph (i) to read as follows:

33 (i) (i) The commissioner may require a fiscal intermediary to report  
34 on the direct care and administrative costs of personal assistance  
35 services as accounted for by the fiscal intermediary. The department may  
36 specify the frequency and format of such reports, determine the type and  
37 amount of information to be submitted, and require the submission of  
38 supporting documentation, provided, however, that the department shall  
39 provide no less than ninety calendar days' notice before such reports  
40 are due.

41 (ii) If the department determines that the cost report submitted by a  
42 provider is inaccurate or incomplete, the department shall notify the  
43 provider in writing and advise the provider of the correction or addi-  
44 tional information that the provider must submit. The provider must  
45 submit the corrected or additional information within thirty calendar  
46 days from the date the provider receives the notice.

47 (iii) The department shall grant a provider an additional thirty  
48 calendar days to submit the original, corrected or additional cost  
49 report when the provider, prior to the date the report is due, submits a  
50 written request to the department for an extension and establishes to  
51 the department's satisfaction that the provider cannot submit the report  
52 by the date due for reasons beyond the provider's control.

53 (iv) All reports shall be certified by the owner, administrator, chief  
54 executive officer, or public official responsible for the operation of

1 the provider. The cost report form shall include a certification form,  
2 which shall specify who must certify the report.

3 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 92 of part H of chapter 59 of the laws  
4 of 2011, amending the public health law and other laws relating to known  
5 and projected department of health state fund medicaid expenditures, as  
6 amended by section 1 of part G of chapter 57 of the laws of 2017, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 1. For state fiscal years 2011-12 through [~~2018-19~~] 2019-20, the  
9 director of the budget, in consultation with the commissioner of health  
10 referenced as "commissioner" for purposes of this section, shall assess  
11 on a monthly basis, as reflected in monthly reports pursuant to subdivi-  
12 sion five of this section known and projected department of health state  
13 funds medicaid expenditures by category of service and by geographic  
14 regions, as defined by the commissioner, and if the director of the  
15 budget determines that such expenditures are expected to cause medicaid  
16 disbursements for such period to exceed the projected department of  
17 health medicaid state funds disbursements in the enacted budget finan-  
18 cial plan pursuant to subdivision 3 of section 23 of the state finance  
19 law, the commissioner of health, in consultation with the director of  
20 the budget, shall develop a medicaid savings allocation plan to limit  
21 such spending to the aggregate limit level specified in the enacted  
22 budget financial plan, provided, however, such projections may be  
23 adjusted by the director of the budget to account for any changes in the  
24 New York state federal medical assistance percentage amount established  
25 pursuant to the federal social security act, changes in provider reven-  
26 ues, reductions to local social services district medical assistance  
27 administration, minimum wage increases, and beginning April 1, 2012 the  
28 operational costs of the New York state medical indemnity fund and state  
29 costs or savings from the basic health plan. Such projections may be  
30 adjusted by the director of the budget to account for increased or expe-  
31 dited department of health state funds medicaid expenditures as a result  
32 of a natural or other type of disaster, including a governmental decla-  
33 ration of emergency.

34 § 3. Section 2807-c of the public health law is amended by adding a  
35 new subdivision 34 to read as follows:

36 34. Enhanced safety net hospital program. (a) For the purposes of this  
37 subdivision, "enhanced safety net hospital" shall mean a hospital which:  
38 (i) in any of the previous three calendar years, has met the following  
39 criteria:

40 (A) not less than fifty percent of the patients it treats receive  
41 medicaid or are medically uninsured;

42 (B) not less than forty percent of its inpatient discharges are  
43 covered by medicaid;

44 (C) twenty-five percent or less of its discharged patients are commer-  
45 cially insured;

46 (D) not less than three percent of the patients it provides services  
47 to are attributed to the care of uninsured patients; and

48 (E) provides care to uninsured patients in its emergency room, hospi-  
49 tal based clinics and community based clinics, including the provision  
50 of important community services, such as dental care and prenatal care;

51 (ii) is a public hospital operated by a county, municipality, public  
52 benefit corporation or the state university of New York;

53 (iii) is federally designated as a critical access hospital; or

54 (iv) is federally designated as a sole community hospital.

55 (b) Within amounts appropriated, the commissioner shall adjust medical  
56 assistance rates to enhanced safety net hospitals for the purposes of

1 supporting critically needed health care services and to ensure the  
2 continued maintenance and operation of such hospitals.

3 (c) Payments made pursuant to this subdivision may be added to rates  
4 of payment or made as aggregate payments to eligible general hospitals.

5 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

6 PART L

7 Intentionally Omitted

8 PART M

9 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 18 of chapter  
10 266 of the laws of 1986, amending the civil practice law and rules and  
11 other laws relating to malpractice and professional medical conduct, as  
12 amended by section 15 of part H of chapter 57 of the laws of 2017, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (a) The superintendent of financial services and the commissioner of  
15 health or their designee shall, from funds available in the hospital  
16 excess liability pool created pursuant to subdivision 5 of this section,  
17 purchase a policy or policies for excess insurance coverage, as author-  
18 ized by paragraph 1 of subsection (e) of section 5502 of the insurance  
19 law; or from an insurer, other than an insurer described in section 5502  
20 of the insurance law, duly authorized to write such coverage and actual-  
21 ly writing medical malpractice insurance in this state; or shall  
22 purchase equivalent excess coverage in a form previously approved by the  
23 superintendent of financial services for purposes of providing equiv-  
24 alent excess coverage in accordance with section 19 of chapter 294 of  
25 the laws of 1985, for medical or dental malpractice occurrences between  
26 July 1, 1986 and June 30, 1987, between July 1, 1987 and June 30, 1988,  
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43 between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, [~~and~~] between July 1, 2017 and  
44 June 30, 2018, and between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 or reimburse  
45 the hospital where the hospital purchases equivalent excess coverage as  
46 defined in subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 1-a of this  
47 section for medical or dental malpractice occurrences between July 1,  
48 1987 and June 30, 1988, between July 1, 1988 and June 30, 1989, between  
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12 and June 30, 2016, between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, [~~and~~] between  
13 July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, and between July 1, 2018 and June 30,  
14 2019 for physicians or dentists certified as eligible for each such  
15 period or periods pursuant to subdivision 2 of this section by a general  
16 hospital licensed pursuant to article 28 of the public health law;  
17 provided that no single insurer shall write more than fifty percent of  
18 the total excess premium for a given policy year; and provided, however,  
19 that such eligible physicians or dentists must have in force an individ-  
20 ual policy, from an insurer licensed in this state of primary malprac-  
21 tice insurance coverage in amounts of no less than one million three  
22 hundred thousand dollars for each claimant and three million nine  
23 hundred thousand dollars for all claimants under that policy during the  
24 period of such excess coverage for such occurrences or be endorsed as  
25 additional insureds under a hospital professional liability policy which  
26 is offered through a voluntary attending physician ("channeling")  
27 program previously permitted by the superintendent of financial services  
28 during the period of such excess coverage for such occurrences. During  
29 such period, such policy for excess coverage or such equivalent excess  
30 coverage shall, when combined with the physician's or dentist's primary  
31 malpractice insurance coverage or coverage provided through a voluntary  
32 attending physician ("channeling") program, total an aggregate level of  
33 two million three hundred thousand dollars for each claimant and six  
34 million nine hundred thousand dollars for all claimants from all such  
35 policies with respect to occurrences in each of such years provided,  
36 however, if the cost of primary malpractice insurance coverage in excess  
37 of one million dollars, but below the excess medical malpractice insur-  
38 ance coverage provided pursuant to this act, exceeds the rate of nine  
39 percent per annum, then the required level of primary malpractice insur-  
40 ance coverage in excess of one million dollars for each claimant shall  
41 be in an amount of not less than the dollar amount of such coverage  
42 available at nine percent per annum; the required level of such coverage  
43 for all claimants under that policy shall be in an amount not less than  
44 three times the dollar amount of coverage for each claimant; and excess  
45 coverage, when combined with such primary malpractice insurance cover-  
46 age, shall increase the aggregate level for each claimant by one million  
47 dollars and three million dollars for all claimants; and provided  
48 further, that, with respect to policies of primary medical malpractice  
49 coverage that include occurrences between April 1, 2002 and June 30,  
50 2002, such requirement that coverage be in amounts no less than one  
51 million three hundred thousand dollars for each claimant and three  
52 million nine hundred thousand dollars for all claimants for such occur-  
53 rences shall be effective April 1, 2002.

54 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 18 of chapter 266 of the laws of 1986,  
55 amending the civil practice law and rules and other laws relating to  
56 malpractice and professional medical conduct, as amended by section 16



1 of part H of chapter 57 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 (3)(a) The superintendent of financial services shall determine and  
4 certify to each general hospital and to the commissioner of health the  
5 cost of excess malpractice insurance for medical or dental malpractice  
6 occurrences between July 1, 1986 and June 30, 1987, between July 1, 1988  
7 and June 30, 1989, between July 1, 1989 and June 30, 1990, between July  
8 1, 1990 and June 30, 1991, between July 1, 1991 and June 30, 1992,  
9 between July 1, 1992 and June 30, 1993, between July 1, 1993 and June  
10 30, 1994, between July 1, 1994 and June 30, 1995, between July 1, 1995  
11 and June 30, 1996, between July 1, 1996 and June 30, 1997, between July  
12 1, 1997 and June 30, 1998, between July 1, 1998 and June 30, 1999,  
13 between July 1, 1999 and June 30, 2000, between July 1, 2000 and June  
14 30, 2001, between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2002, between July 1, 2002  
15 and June 30, 2003, between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004, between July  
16 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005, between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006,  
17 between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007, between July 1, 2007 and June  
18 30, 2008, between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, between July 1, 2009  
19 and June 30, 2010, between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, between July  
20 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012, between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013, and  
21 between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, between July 1, 2014 and June  
22 30, 2015, between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, and between July 1,  
23 2016 and June 30, 2017, [~~and~~] between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018,  
24 and between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 allocable to each general  
25 hospital for physicians or dentists certified as eligible for purchase  
26 of a policy for excess insurance coverage by such general hospital in  
27 accordance with subdivision 2 of this section, and may amend such deter-  
28 mination and certification as necessary.

29 (b) The superintendent of financial services shall determine and  
30 certify to each general hospital and to the commissioner of health the  
31 cost of excess malpractice insurance or equivalent excess coverage for  
32 medical or dental malpractice occurrences between July 1, 1987 and June  
33 30, 1988, between July 1, 1988 and June 30, 1989, between July 1, 1989  
34 and June 30, 1990, between July 1, 1990 and June 30, 1991, between July  
35 1, 1991 and June 30, 1992, between July 1, 1992 and June 30, 1993,  
36 between July 1, 1993 and June 30, 1994, between July 1, 1994 and June  
37 30, 1995, between July 1, 1995 and June 30, 1996, between July 1, 1996  
38 and June 30, 1997, between July 1, 1997 and June 30, 1998, between July  
39 1, 1998 and June 30, 1999, between July 1, 1999 and June 30, 2000,  
40 between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2001, between July 1, 2001 and June  
41 30, 2002, between July 1, 2002 and June 30, 2003, between July 1, 2003  
42 and June 30, 2004, between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005, between July  
43 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007,  
44 between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008, between July 1, 2008 and June  
45 30, 2009, between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010, between July 1, 2010  
46 and June 30, 2011, between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012, between July  
47 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013, between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014,  
48 between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, between July 1, 2015 and June  
49 30, 2016, [~~and~~] between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, [~~and~~] between  
50 July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, and between July 1, 2018 and June 30,  
51 2019 allocable to each general hospital for physicians or dentists  
52 certified as eligible for purchase of a policy for excess insurance  
53 coverage or equivalent excess coverage by such general hospital in  
54 accordance with subdivision 2 of this section, and may amend such deter-  
55 mination and certification as necessary. The superintendent of financial  
56 services shall determine and certify to each general hospital and to the

1 commissioner of health the ratable share of such cost allocable to the  
2 period July 1, 1987 to December 31, 1987, to the period January 1, 1988  
3 to June 30, 1988, to the period July 1, 1988 to December 31, 1988, to  
4 the period January 1, 1989 to June 30, 1989, to the period July 1, 1989  
5 to December 31, 1989, to the period January 1, 1990 to June 30, 1990, to  
6 the period July 1, 1990 to December 31, 1990, to the period January 1,  
7 1991 to June 30, 1991, to the period July 1, 1991 to December 31, 1991,  
8 to the period January 1, 1992 to June 30, 1992, to the period July 1,  
9 1992 to December 31, 1992, to the period January 1, 1993 to June 30,  
10 1993, to the period July 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993, to the period  
11 January 1, 1994 to June 30, 1994, to the period July 1, 1994 to December  
12 31, 1994, to the period January 1, 1995 to June 30, 1995, to the period  
13 July 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995, to the period January 1, 1996 to June  
14 30, 1996, to the period July 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996, to the period  
15 January 1, 1997 to June 30, 1997, to the period July 1, 1997 to December  
16 31, 1997, to the period January 1, 1998 to June 30, 1998, to the period  
17 July 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998, to the period January 1, 1999 to June  
18 30, 1999, to the period July 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999, to the period  
19 January 1, 2000 to June 30, 2000, to the period July 1, 2000 to December  
20 31, 2000, to the period January 1, 2001 to June 30, 2001, to the period  
21 July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, to the period July 1, 2002 to June 30,  
22 2003, to the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, to the period July 1,  
23 2004 to June 30, 2005, to the period July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, to  
24 the period July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007, to the period July 1, 2007  
25 and June 30, 2008, to the period July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, to the  
26 period July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010, to the period July 1, 2010 and  
27 June 30, 2011, to the period July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012, to the  
28 period July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013, to the period July 1, 2013 and  
29 June 30, 2014, to the period July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, to the  
30 period July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, and between July 1, 2016 and June  
31 30, 2017, and to the period July 1, 2017 ~~[and]~~ to June 30, 2018, and to  
32 the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

33 § 3. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of subdivision 8 of section  
34 18 of chapter 266 of the laws of 1986, amending the civil practice law  
35 and rules and other laws relating to malpractice and professional  
36 medical conduct, as amended by section 17 of part H of chapter 57 of the  
37 laws of 2017, are amended to read as follows:

38 (a) To the extent funds available to the hospital excess liability  
39 pool pursuant to subdivision 5 of this section as amended, and pursuant  
40 to section 6 of part J of chapter 63 of the laws of 2001, as may from  
41 time to time be amended, which amended this subdivision, are insuffi-  
42 cient to meet the costs of excess insurance coverage or equivalent  
43 excess coverage for coverage periods during the period July 1, 1992 to  
44 June 30, 1993, during the period July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994, during  
45 the period July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995, during the period July 1, 1995  
46 to June 30, 1996, during the period July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997,  
47 during the period July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998, during the period July  
48 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999, during the period July 1, 1999 to June 30,  
49 2000, during the period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, during the period  
50 July 1, 2001 to October 29, 2001, during the period April 1, 2002 to  
51 June 30, 2002, during the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, during  
52 the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, during the period July 1, 2004  
53 to June 30, 2005, during the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006,  
54 during the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, during the period July  
55 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, during the period July 1, 2008 to June 30,  
56 2009, during the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, during the period

1 July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, during the period July 1, 2011 to June  
2 30, 2012, during the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, during the  
3 period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, during the period July 1, 2014 to  
4 June 30, 2015, during the period July 1, 2015 ~~[and]~~ to June 30, 2016,  
5 during the period July 1, 2016 ~~[and]~~ to June 30, 2017, ~~[and]~~  
6 during the period July 1, 2017 ~~[and]~~ to June 30, 2018, and during the period July  
7 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 allocated or reallocated in accordance with  
8 paragraph (a) of subdivision 4-a of this section to rates of payment  
9 applicable to state governmental agencies, each physician or dentist for  
10 whom a policy for excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess cover-  
11 age is purchased for such period shall be responsible for payment to the  
12 provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage of  
13 an allocable share of such insufficiency, based on the ratio of the  
14 total cost of such coverage for such physician to the sum of the total  
15 cost of such coverage for all physicians applied to such insufficiency.

16 (b) Each provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess  
17 coverage covering the period July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993, or covering  
18 the period July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994, or covering the period July 1,  
19 1994 to June 30, 1995, or covering the period July 1, 1995 to June 30,  
20 1996, or covering the period July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997, or covering  
21 the period July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998, or covering the period July 1,  
22 1998 to June 30, 1999, or covering the period July 1, 1999 to June 30,  
23 2000, or covering the period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, or covering  
24 the period July 1, 2001 to October 29, 2001, or covering the period  
25 April 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002, or covering the period July 1, 2002 to  
26 June 30, 2003, or covering the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, or  
27 covering the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, or covering the peri-  
28 od July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, or covering the period July 1, 2006 to  
29 June 30, 2007, or covering the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, or  
30 covering the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, or covering the peri-  
31 od July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, or covering the period July 1, 2010 to  
32 June 30, 2011, or covering the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, or  
33 covering the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, or covering the peri-  
34 od July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, or covering the period July 1, 2014 to  
35 June 30, 2015, or covering the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, or  
36 covering the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, or covering the peri-  
37 od July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, or covering the period July 1, 2018 to  
38 June 30, 2019 shall notify a covered physician or dentist by mail,  
39 mailed to the address shown on the last application for excess insurance  
40 coverage or equivalent excess coverage, of the amount due to such  
41 provider from such physician or dentist for such coverage period deter-  
42 mined in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subdivision. Such amount  
43 shall be due from such physician or dentist to such provider of excess  
44 insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage in a time and manner  
45 determined by the superintendent of financial services.

46 (c) If a physician or dentist liable for payment of a portion of the  
47 costs of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage cover-  
48 ing the period July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993, or covering the period  
49 July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994, or covering the period July 1, 1994 to  
50 June 30, 1995, or covering the period July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996, or  
51 covering the period July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997, or covering the peri-  
52 od July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998, or covering the period July 1, 1998 to  
53 June 30, 1999, or covering the period July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000, or  
54 covering the period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, or covering the peri-  
55 od July 1, 2001 to October 29, 2001, or covering the period April 1,  
56 2002 to June 30, 2002, or covering the period July 1, 2002 to June 30,

1 2003, or covering the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, or covering  
2 the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, or covering the period July 1,  
3 2005 to June 30, 2006, or covering the period July 1, 2006 to June 30,  
4 2007, or covering the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, or covering  
5 the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, or covering the period July 1,  
6 2009 to June 30, 2010, or covering the period July 1, 2010 to June 30,  
7 2011, or covering the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, or covering  
8 the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, or covering the period July 1,  
9 2013 to June 30, 2014, or covering the period July 1, 2014 to June 30,  
10 2015, or covering the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, or covering  
11 the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, or covering the period July 1,  
12 2017 to June 30, 2018, or covering the period July 1, 2018 to June 30,  
13 2019 determined in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subdivision  
14 fails, refuses or neglects to make payment to the provider of excess  
15 insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage in such time and manner  
16 as determined by the superintendent of financial services pursuant to  
17 paragraph (b) of this subdivision, excess insurance coverage or equiv-  
18 alent excess coverage purchased for such physician or dentist in accord-  
19 ance with this section for such coverage period shall be cancelled and  
20 shall be null and void as of the first day on or after the commencement  
21 of a policy period where the liability for payment pursuant to this  
22 subdivision has not been met.

23 (d) Each provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess  
24 coverage shall notify the superintendent of financial services and the  
25 commissioner of health or their designee of each physician and dentist  
26 eligible for purchase of a policy for excess insurance coverage or  
27 equivalent excess coverage covering the period July 1, 1992 to June 30,  
28 1993, or covering the period July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994, or covering  
29 the period July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995, or covering the period July 1,  
30 1995 to June 30, 1996, or covering the period July 1, 1996 to June 30,  
31 1997, or covering the period July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998, or covering  
32 the period July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999, or covering the period July 1,  
33 1999 to June 30, 2000, or covering the period July 1, 2000 to June 30,  
34 2001, or covering the period July 1, 2001 to October 29, 2001, or cover-  
35 ing the period April 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002, or covering the period  
36 July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, or covering the period July 1, 2003 to  
37 June 30, 2004, or covering the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, or  
38 covering the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, or covering the peri-  
39 od July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, or covering the period July 1, 2007 to  
40 June 30, 2008, or covering the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, or  
41 covering the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, or covering the peri-  
42 od July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, or covering the period July 1, 2011 to  
43 June 30, 2012, or covering the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, or  
44 covering the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, or covering the peri-  
45 od July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, or covering the period July 1, 2015 to  
46 June 30, 2016, or covering the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, or  
47 covering the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, or covering the peri-  
48 od July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 that has made payment to such provider  
49 of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage in accordance  
50 with paragraph (b) of this subdivision and of each physician and dentist  
51 who has failed, refused or neglected to make such payment.

52 (e) A provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess  
53 coverage shall refund to the hospital excess liability pool any amount  
54 allocable to the period July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993, and to the period  
55 July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994, and to the period July 1, 1994 to June  
56 30, 1995, and to the period July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996, and to the

1 period July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997, and to the period July 1, 1997 to  
2 June 30, 1998, and to the period July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999, and to  
3 the period July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000, and to the period July 1, 2000  
4 to June 30, 2001, and to the period July 1, 2001 to October 29, 2001,  
5 and to the period April 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002, and to the period July  
6 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, and to the period July 1, 2003 to June 30,  
7 2004, and to the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, and to the period  
8 July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, and to the period July 1, 2006 to June  
9 30, 2007, and to the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, and to the  
10 period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, and to the period July 1, 2009 to  
11 June 30, 2010, and to the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, and to  
12 the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, and to the period July 1, 2012  
13 to June 30, 2013, and to the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, and  
14 to the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, and to the period July 1,  
15 2015 to June 30, 2016, to the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, and  
16 to the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, and to the period July 1,  
17 2018 to June 30, 2019 received from the hospital excess liability pool  
18 for purchase of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage  
19 covering the period July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993, and covering the  
20 period July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994, and covering the period July 1,  
21 1994 to June 30, 1995, and covering the period July 1, 1995 to June 30,  
22 1996, and covering the period July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997, and cover-  
23 ing the period July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998, and covering the period  
24 July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999, and covering the period July 1, 1999 to  
25 June 30, 2000, and covering the period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001,  
26 and covering the period July 1, 2001 to October 29, 2001, and covering  
27 the period April 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002, and covering the period July  
28 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, and covering the period July 1, 2003 to June  
29 30, 2004, and covering the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, and  
30 covering the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, and covering the  
31 period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, and covering the period July 1,  
32 2007 to June 30, 2008, and covering the period July 1, 2008 to June 30,  
33 2009, and covering the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, and cover-  
34 ing the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, and covering the period  
35 July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, and covering the period July 1, 2012 to  
36 June 30, 2013, and covering the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014,  
37 and covering the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, and covering the  
38 period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, and covering the period July 1,  
39 2016 to June 30, 2017, and covering the period July 1, 2017 to June 30,  
40 2018, and covering the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 for a physi-  
41 cian or dentist where such excess insurance coverage or equivalent  
42 excess coverage is cancelled in accordance with paragraph (c) of this  
43 subdivision.

44 § 4. Section 40 of chapter 266 of the laws of 1986, amending the civil  
45 practice law and rules and other laws relating to malpractice and  
46 professional medical conduct, as amended by section 18 of part H of  
47 chapter 57 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

48 § 40. The superintendent of financial services shall establish rates  
49 for policies providing coverage for physicians and surgeons medical  
50 malpractice for the periods commencing July 1, 1985 and ending June 30,  
51 [~~2018~~] 2019; provided, however, that notwithstanding any other provision  
52 of law, the superintendent shall not establish or approve any increase  
53 in rates for the period commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30,  
54 2010. The superintendent shall direct insurers to establish segregated  
55 accounts for premiums, payments, reserves and investment income attrib-  
56 utable to such premium periods and shall require periodic reports by the



1 insurers regarding claims and expenses attributable to such periods to  
2 monitor whether such accounts will be sufficient to meet incurred claims  
3 and expenses. On or after July 1, 1989, the superintendent shall impose  
4 a surcharge on premiums to satisfy a projected deficiency that is  
5 attributable to the premium levels established pursuant to this section  
6 for such periods; provided, however, that such annual surcharge shall  
7 not exceed eight percent of the established rate until July 1, [~~2018~~]  
8 2019, at which time and thereafter such surcharge shall not exceed twen-  
9 ty-five percent of the approved adequate rate, and that such annual  
10 surcharges shall continue for such period of time as shall be sufficient  
11 to satisfy such deficiency. The superintendent shall not impose such  
12 surcharge during the period commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30,  
13 2010. On and after July 1, 1989, the surcharge prescribed by this  
14 section shall be retained by insurers to the extent that they insured  
15 physicians and surgeons during the July 1, 1985 through June 30, [~~2018~~]  
16 2019 policy periods; in the event and to the extent physicians and  
17 surgeons were insured by another insurer during such periods, all or a  
18 pro rata share of the surcharge, as the case may be, shall be remitted  
19 to such other insurer in accordance with rules and regulations to be  
20 promulgated by the superintendent. Surcharges collected from physicians  
21 and surgeons who were not insured during such policy periods shall be  
22 apportioned among all insurers in proportion to the premium written by  
23 each insurer during such policy periods; if a physician or surgeon was  
24 insured by an insurer subject to rates established by the superintendent  
25 during such policy periods, and at any time thereafter a hospital,  
26 health maintenance organization, employer or institution is responsible  
27 for responding in damages for liability arising out of such physician's  
28 or surgeon's practice of medicine, such responsible entity shall also  
29 remit to such prior insurer the equivalent amount that would then be  
30 collected as a surcharge if the physician or surgeon had continued to  
31 remain insured by such prior insurer. In the event any insurer that  
32 provided coverage during such policy periods is in liquidation, the  
33 property/casualty insurance security fund shall receive the portion of  
34 surcharges to which the insurer in liquidation would have been entitled.  
35 The surcharges authorized herein shall be deemed to be income earned for  
36 the purposes of section 2303 of the insurance law. The superintendent,  
37 in establishing adequate rates and in determining any projected defi-  
38 ciency pursuant to the requirements of this section and the insurance  
39 law, shall give substantial weight, determined in his discretion and  
40 judgment, to the prospective anticipated effect of any regulations  
41 promulgated and laws enacted and the public benefit of stabilizing  
42 malpractice rates and minimizing rate level fluctuation during the peri-  
43 od of time necessary for the development of more reliable statistical  
44 experience as to the efficacy of such laws and regulations affecting  
45 medical, dental or podiatric malpractice enacted or promulgated in 1985,  
46 1986, by this act and at any other time. Notwithstanding any provision  
47 of the insurance law, rates already established and to be established by  
48 the superintendent pursuant to this section are deemed adequate if such  
49 rates would be adequate when taken together with the maximum authorized  
50 annual surcharges to be imposed for a reasonable period of time whether  
51 or not any such annual surcharge has been actually imposed as of the  
52 establishment of such rates.

53 § 5. Section 5 and subdivisions (a) and (e) of section 6 of part J of  
54 chapter 63 of the laws of 2001, amending chapter 266 of the laws of  
55 1986, amending the civil practice law and rules and other laws relating  
56 to malpractice and professional medical conduct, relating to the effec-



1 tiveness of certain provisions of such chapter, as amended by section 19  
2 of part H of chapter 57 of the laws of 2017, are amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 § 5. The superintendent of financial services and the commissioner of  
5 health shall determine, no later than June 15, 2002, June 15, 2003, June  
6 15, 2004, June 15, 2005, June 15, 2006, June 15, 2007, June 15, 2008,  
7 June 15, 2009, June 15, 2010, June 15, 2011, June 15, 2012, June 15,  
8 2013, June 15, 2014, June 15, 2015, June 15, 2016, June 15, 2017, [~~and~~]  
9 June 15, 2018, and June 15, 2019 the amount of funds available in the  
10 hospital excess liability pool, created pursuant to section 18 of chap-  
11 ter 266 of the laws of 1986, and whether such funds are sufficient for  
12 purposes of purchasing excess insurance coverage for eligible partic-  
13 ipating physicians and dentists during the period July 1, 2001 to June  
14 30, 2002, or July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, or July 1, 2003 to June 30,  
15 2004, or July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, or July 1, 2005 to June 30,  
16 2006, or July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, or July 1, 2007 to June 30,  
17 2008, or July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, or July 1, 2009 to June 30,  
18 2010, or July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, or July 1, 2011 to June 30,  
19 2012, or July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, or July 1, 2013 to June 30,  
20 2014, or July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, or July 1, 2015 to June 30,  
21 2016, or July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, or [~~to~~] July 1, 2017 to June 30,  
22 2018, or July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 as applicable.

23 (a) This section shall be effective only upon a determination, pursu-  
24 ant to section five of this act, by the superintendent of financial  
25 services and the commissioner of health, and a certification of such  
26 determination to the state director of the budget, the chair of the  
27 senate committee on finance and the chair of the assembly committee on  
28 ways and means, that the amount of funds in the hospital excess liabil-  
29 ity pool, created pursuant to section 18 of chapter 266 of the laws of  
30 1986, is insufficient for purposes of purchasing excess insurance cover-  
31 age for eligible participating physicians and dentists during the period  
32 July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, or July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, or July  
33 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, or July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, or July 1,  
34 2005 to June 30, 2006, or July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, or July 1, 2007  
35 to June 30, 2008, or July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, or July 1, 2009 to  
36 June 30, 2010, or July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, or July 1, 2011 to June  
37 30, 2012, or July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, or July 1, 2013 to June 30,  
38 2014, or July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, or July 1, 2015 to June 30,  
39 2016, or July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, or July 1, 2017 to June 30,  
40 2018, or July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 as applicable.

41 (e) The commissioner of health shall transfer for deposit to the  
42 hospital excess liability pool created pursuant to section 18 of chapter  
43 266 of the laws of 1986 such amounts as directed by the superintendent  
44 of financial services for the purchase of excess liability insurance  
45 coverage for eligible participating physicians and dentists for the  
46 policy year July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, or July 1, 2002 to June 30,  
47 2003, or July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, or July 1, 2004 to June 30,  
48 2005, or July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, or July 1, 2006 to June 30,  
49 2007, as applicable, and the cost of administering the hospital excess  
50 liability pool for such applicable policy year, pursuant to the program  
51 established in chapter 266 of the laws of 1986, as amended, no later  
52 than June 15, 2002, June 15, 2003, June 15, 2004, June 15, 2005, June  
53 15, 2006, June 15, 2007, June 15, 2008, June 15, 2009, June 15, 2010,  
54 June 15, 2011, June 15, 2012, June 15, 2013, June 15, 2014, June 15,  
55 2015, June 15, 2016, June 15, 2017, [~~and~~] June 15, 2018, and June 15,  
56 2019 as applicable.

1 § 6. Section 20 of part H of chapter 57 of the laws of 2017, amending  
2 the New York Health Care Reform Act of 1996 and other laws relating to  
3 extending certain provisions thereto, is amended to read as follows:

4 § 20. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary,  
5 only physicians or dentists who were eligible, and for whom the super-  
6 intendent of financial services and the commissioner of health, or their  
7 designee, purchased, with funds available in the hospital excess liabil-  
8 ity pool, a full or partial policy for excess coverage or equivalent  
9 excess coverage for the coverage period ending the thirtieth of June,  
10 two thousand [~~seventeen~~] eighteen, shall be eligible to apply for such  
11 coverage for the coverage period beginning the first of July, two thou-  
12 sand [~~seventeen~~] eighteen; provided, however, if the total number of  
13 physicians or dentists for whom such excess coverage or equivalent  
14 excess coverage was purchased for the policy year ending the thirtieth  
15 of June, two thousand [~~seventeen~~] eighteen exceeds the total number of  
16 physicians or dentists certified as eligible for the coverage period  
17 beginning the first of July, two thousand [~~seventeen~~] eighteen, then the  
18 general hospitals may certify additional eligible physicians or dentists  
19 in a number equal to such general hospital's proportional share of the  
20 total number of physicians or dentists for whom excess coverage or  
21 equivalent excess coverage was purchased with funds available in the  
22 hospital excess liability pool as of the thirtieth of June, two thousand  
23 [~~seventeen~~] eighteen, as applied to the difference between the number of  
24 eligible physicians or dentists for whom a policy for excess coverage or  
25 equivalent excess coverage was purchased for the coverage period ending  
26 the thirtieth of June, two thousand [~~seventeen~~] eighteen and the number  
27 of such eligible physicians or dentists who have applied for excess  
28 coverage or equivalent excess coverage for the coverage period beginning  
29 the first of July, two thousand [~~seventeen~~] eighteen.

30 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

31 PART N

32 Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 1 of part  
33 C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2006, establishing a cost of living  
34 adjustment for designated human services, is amended to read as follows:

35 Subject to available appropriations, the commissioners of the office  
36 of mental health, office of mental retardation and developmental disa-  
37 bilities, office of alcoholism and substance abuse services, [~~department~~  
38 ~~of health,~~] office of children and family services and the state office  
39 for the aging shall establish an annual cost of living adjustment  
40 (COLA), subject to the approval of the director of the budget, effective  
41 April first of each state fiscal year, provided, however, that in state  
42 fiscal year 2006-07, the cost of living adjustment will be effective  
43 October first, to project for the effects of inflation, for rates of  
44 payments, contracts or any other form of reimbursement for the programs  
45 listed in paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii), (iv)[~~7~~] and (v) [~~and (vi)~~] of  
46 subdivision four of this section. The COLA shall be applied to the  
47 appropriate portion of reimbursable costs or contract amounts.

48 § 2. Paragraph (iv) of subdivision 4 of section 1 of part C of chapter  
49 57 of the laws of 2006, establishing a cost of living adjustment for  
50 designated human services, is REPEALED and paragraphs (v) and (vi) are  
51 renumbered paragraphs (iv) and (v).

52 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

53 PART O

1 Intentionally Omitted

2 PART P

3 Intentionally Omitted

4 PART Q

5 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
6 2825-f to read as follows:

7 § 2825-f. Health care facility transformation program: statewide III.  
8 1. A statewide health care facility transformation program is hereby  
9 established under the joint administration of the commissioner and the  
10 president of the dormitory authority of the state of New York for the  
11 purpose of strengthening and protecting continued access to health care  
12 services in communities. The program shall provide funding in support of  
13 capital projects, debt retirement, working capital or other non-capital  
14 projects that facilitate health care transformation activities includ-  
15 ing, but not limited to, merger, consolidation, acquisition or other  
16 activities intended to: (a) create financially sustainable systems of  
17 care; (b) preserve or expand essential health care services; (c) modern-  
18 ize obsolete facility physical plants and infrastructure; (d) foster  
19 participation in alternative payment arrangements including, but not  
20 limited to, contracts with managed care plans and accountable care  
21 organizations; (e) for residential health care facilities, increase the  
22 quality of resident care or experience; or (f) improve health informa-  
23 tion technology infrastructure, including telehealth, to strengthen the  
24 acute, post-acute and long-term care continuum. Grants shall not be  
25 available to support general operating expenses. The issuance of any  
26 bonds or notes hereunder shall be subject to section sixteen hundred  
27 eighty-r of the public authorities law and the approval of the director  
28 of the division of the budget, and any projects funded through the iss-  
29 uance of bonds or notes hereunder shall be approved by the New York state  
30 public authorities control board, as required under section fifty-one of  
31 the public authorities law.

32 2. The commissioner and the president of the dormitory authority shall  
33 enter into an agreement, subject to approval by the director of the  
34 budget, and subject to section sixteen hundred eighty-r of the public  
35 authorities law, for the purposes of awarding, distributing, and admin-  
36 istering the funds made available pursuant to this section. Such funds  
37 may be distributed by the commissioner for grants to general hospitals,  
38 residential health care facilities, adult care facilities licensed under  
39 title two of article seven of the social services law, diagnostic and  
40 treatment centers and clinics licensed pursuant to this chapter or the  
41 mental hygiene law, children's residential treatment facilities licensed  
42 pursuant to article thirty-one of the mental hygiene law, assisted  
43 living programs approved by the department pursuant to section four  
44 hundred sixty-one-1 of the social services law, and community-based  
45 health care providers as defined in subdivision three of this section  
46 for grants in support of the purposes set forth in this section. A copy  
47 of such agreement, and any amendments thereto, shall be provided to the  
48 chair of the senate finance committee, the chair of the assembly ways  
49 and means committee, and the director of the division of the budget no  
50 later than thirty days prior to the release of a request for applica-  
51 tions for funding under this program. Projects awarded, in whole or  
52 part, under sections twenty-eight hundred twenty-five-a and twenty-eight

1 hundred twenty-five-b of this article shall not be eligible for grants  
2 or awards made available under this section.

3 3. Notwithstanding section one hundred sixty-three of the state  
4 finance law or any inconsistent provision of law to the contrary, up to  
5 four hundred seventy-five million dollars of the funds appropriated for  
6 this program shall be awarded without a competitive bid or request for  
7 proposal process for grants to health care providers (hereafter "appli-  
8 cants"). Provided, however, that a minimum of: (a) sixty million dollars  
9 of total awarded funds shall be made to community-based health care  
10 providers, which for purposes of this section shall be defined as a  
11 diagnostic and treatment center licensed or granted an operating certif-  
12 icate under this article; a mental health clinic licensed or granted an  
13 operating certificate under article thirty-one of the mental hygiene  
14 law; a substance use disorder treatment clinic licensed or granted an  
15 operating certificate under article thirty-two of the mental hygiene  
16 law; a primary care provider; a clinic licensed or granted an operating  
17 certificate under article sixteen of the mental hygiene law; a home care  
18 provider certified or licensed pursuant to article thirty-six of this  
19 chapter; or hospices licensed or granted an operating certificate pursu-  
20 ant to article forty of this chapter and (b) forty-five million dollars  
21 of the total awarded funds shall be made to residential health care  
22 facilities.

23 4. Notwithstanding any inconsistent subdivision of this section or any  
24 other provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner, with the  
25 approval of the director of the budget, may expend up to twenty million  
26 dollars of the funds appropriated for this program pursuant to subdivi-  
27 sion three of this section, not including funds dedicated for communi-  
28 ty-based health care providers under paragraph (a) of such subdivision  
29 or for residential health care facilities under paragraph (b) of such  
30 subdivision, for awards made pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision  
31 three of section four hundred sixty-one-1 of the social services law,  
32 provided that funding shall be prioritized for awards made pursuant to  
33 subparagraph (i) of such paragraph, with remaining funding available for  
34 awards made pursuant to subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of such paragraph.

35 5. In determining awards for eligible applicants under this section,  
36 the commissioner shall consider criteria including, but not limited to:

37 (a) the extent to which the proposed project will contribute to the  
38 integration of health care services or the long term sustainability of  
39 the applicant or preservation of essential health services in the commu-  
40 nity or communities served by the applicant;

41 (b) the extent to which the proposed project or purpose is aligned  
42 with delivery system reform incentive payment ("DSRIP") program goals  
43 and objectives;

44 (c) the geographic distribution of funds;

45 (d) the relationship between the proposed project and identified  
46 community need;

47 (e) the extent to which the applicant has access to alternative  
48 financing;

49 (f) the extent to which the proposed project furthers the development  
50 of primary care and other outpatient services;

51 (g) the extent to which the proposed project benefits Medicaid enrol-  
52 lees and uninsured individuals;

53 (h) the extent to which the applicant has engaged the community  
54 affected by the proposed project and the manner in which community  
55 engagement has shaped such project; and

1 (i) the extent to which the proposed project addresses potential risk  
2 to patient safety and welfare.

3 6. Disbursement of awards made pursuant to this section shall be  
4 conditioned on the awardee achieving certain process and performance  
5 metrics and milestones as determined in the sole discretion of the  
6 commissioner. Such metrics and milestones shall be structured to ensure  
7 that the goals of the project are achieved, and such metrics and mile-  
8 stones shall be included in grant disbursement agreements or other  
9 contractual documents as required by the commissioner.

10 7. The department shall provide a report on a quarterly basis to the  
11 chairs of the senate finance, assembly ways and means, and senate and  
12 assembly health committees, until such time as the department determines  
13 that the projects that receive funding pursuant to this section are  
14 substantially complete. Such reports shall be submitted no later than  
15 sixty days after the close of the quarter, and shall include, for each  
16 award, the name of the applicant, a description of the project or  
17 purpose, the amount of the award, disbursement date, and status of  
18 achievement of process and performance metrics and milestones pursuant  
19 to subdivision six of this section.

20 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to  
21 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2018.

22 PART R

23 Intentionally Omitted

24 PART S

25 Section 1. This Part enacts into law major components of legislation  
26 which are necessary to effectuate recommendations made as part of the  
27 Regulatory Modernization Initiative undertaken by the Department of  
28 Health. Each component is wholly contained within a Subpart identified  
29 as Subparts A through C. The effective date for each particular  
30 provision contained within such Subpart is set forth in the last section  
31 of such Subpart. Any provision in any section contained within a  
32 Subpart, including the effective date of the Subpart, which makes a  
33 reference to a section "of this act," when used in connection with that  
34 particular component, shall be deemed to mean and refer to the corre-  
35 sponding section of the Subpart in which it is found. Section three of  
36 this Part sets forth the general effective date of this Part.

37 SUBPART A

38 Intentionally omitted.

39 SUBPART B

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

43 1. "Hospital" means a facility or institution engaged principally in  
44 providing services by or under the supervision of a physician or, in the  
45 case of a dental clinic or dental dispensary, of a dentist, or, in the  
46 case of a midwifery birth center, of a midwife, for the prevention,  
47 diagnosis or treatment of human disease, pain, injury, deformity or  
48 physical condition, including, but not limited to, a general hospital,



1 public health center, diagnostic center, treatment center, dental clinic,  
2 ic, dental dispensary, rehabilitation center other than a facility used  
3 solely for vocational rehabilitation, nursing home, tuberculosis hospital,  
4 chronic disease hospital, maternity hospital, midwifery birth  
5 center, lying-in-asylum, out-patient department, out-patient lodge,  
6 dispensary and a laboratory or central service facility serving one or  
7 more such institutions, but the term hospital shall not include an  
8 institution, sanitarium or other facility engaged principally in providing  
9 services for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of mental disability  
10 and which is subject to the powers of visitation, examination,  
11 inspection and investigation of the department of mental hygiene except  
12 for those distinct parts of such a facility which provide hospital  
13 service. The provisions of this article shall not apply to a facility or  
14 institution engaged principally in providing services by or under the  
15 supervision of the bona fide members and adherents of a recognized religious  
16 organization whose teachings include reliance on spiritual means  
17 through prayer alone for healing in the practice of the religion of such  
18 organization and where services are provided in accordance with those  
19 teachings. No provision of this article or any other provision of law  
20 shall be construed to: (a) limit the volume of mental health or  
21 substance use disorder services that can be provided by a provider of  
22 primary care services licensed under this article and authorized to  
23 provide integrated services in accordance with regulations issued by the  
24 commissioner in consultation with the commissioner of the office of  
25 mental health and the commissioner of the office of alcoholism and  
26 substance abuse services, including regulations issued pursuant to  
27 subdivision seven of section three hundred sixty-five-1 of the social  
28 services law or part L of chapter fifty-six of the laws of two thousand  
29 twelve; (b) require a provider licensed pursuant to article thirty-one  
30 of the mental hygiene law or certified pursuant to article thirty-two of  
31 the mental hygiene law to obtain an operating certificate from the  
32 department if such provider has been authorized to provide integrated  
33 services in accordance with regulations issued by the commissioner in  
34 consultation with the commissioner of the office of mental health and  
35 the commissioner of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse  
36 services, including regulations issued pursuant to subdivision seven of  
37 section three hundred sixty-five-1 of the social services law or part L  
38 of chapter fifty-six of the laws of two thousand twelve.

39 § 2. Section 31.02 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a  
40 new subdivision (f) to read as follows:

41 (f) No provision of this article or any other provision of law shall  
42 be construed to require a provider licensed pursuant to article twenty-  
43 eight of the public health law or certified pursuant to article thirty-  
44 two of this chapter to obtain an operating certificate from the office  
45 of mental health if such provider has been authorized to provide inte-  
46 grated services in accordance with regulations issued by the commissioner  
47 of the office of mental health in consultation with the commissioner  
48 of the department of health and the commissioner of the office of alco-  
49 holism and substance abuse services, including regulations issued pursu-  
50 ant to subdivision seven of section three hundred sixty-five-1 of the  
51 social services law or part L of chapter fifty-six of the laws of two  
52 thousand twelve.

53 § 3. Subdivision (b) of section 32.05 of the mental hygiene law, as  
54 amended by chapter 204 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as  
55 follows:



1 (b) (i) Methadone, or such other controlled substance designated by  
2 the commissioner of health as appropriate for such use, may be adminis-  
3 tered to an addict, as defined in section thirty-three hundred two of  
4 the public health law, by individual physicians, groups of physicians  
5 and public or private medical facilities certified pursuant to article  
6 twenty-eight or thirty-three of the public health law as part of a chem-  
7 ical dependence program which has been issued an operating certificate  
8 by the commissioner pursuant to subdivision (b) of section 32.09 of this  
9 article, provided, however, that such administration must be done in  
10 accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.  
11 Individual physicians or groups of physicians who have obtained authori-  
12 zation from the federal government to administer buprenorphine to  
13 addicts may do so without obtaining an operating certificate from the  
14 commissioner. (ii) No provision of this article or any other provision  
15 of law shall be construed to require a provider licensed pursuant to  
16 article twenty-eight of the public health law or article thirty-one of  
17 this chapter to obtain an operating certificate from the office of alco-  
18 holism and substance abuse services if such provider has been authorized  
19 to provide integrated services in accordance with regulations issued by  
20 the commissioner of alcoholism and substance abuse services in consulta-  
21 tion with the commissioner of the department of health and the commis-  
22 sioner of the office of mental health, including regulations issued  
23 pursuant to subdivision seven of section three hundred sixty-five-1 of  
24 the social services law or part L of chapter fifty-six of the laws of  
25 two thousand twelve.

26 § 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
27 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the commissioner of  
28 the department of health, the commissioner of the office of mental  
29 health, and the commissioner of the office of alcoholism and substance  
30 abuse services are authorized to issue any rule or regulation necessary  
31 for the implementation of this act on or before its effective date.

32 SUBPART C

33 Section 1. Paragraphs (q), (s) and (t) of subdivision 2 of section  
34 2999-cc of the public health law, as amended by chapter 454 of the laws  
35 of 2015, are amended and two new paragraphs (u) and (v) are added to  
36 read as follows:

37 (q) a hospital as defined in article twenty-eight of this chapter,  
38 including residential health care facilities serving special needs popu-  
39 lations;

40 (s) a hospice as defined in article forty of this chapter; [~~and~~]

41 (t) credentialed alcoholism and substance abuse counselors creden-  
42 tialed by the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services or by a  
43 credentialing entity approved by such office pursuant to section 19.07  
44 of the mental hygiene law;

45 (u) providers authorized to provide services and service coordination  
46 under the early intervention program pursuant to article twenty-five of  
47 this chapter;

48 (v) clinics licensed or certified under article sixteen of the mental  
49 hygiene law and certified and non-certified day and residential programs  
50 funded or operated by the office for people with developmental disabili-  
51 ties; and

52 (w) any other provider as determined by the commissioner pursuant to  
53 regulation or, in consultation with the commissioner, by the commis-  
54 ioner of the office of mental health, the commissioner of the office of

1 alcoholism and substance abuse services, or the commissioner of the  
2 office for people with developmental disabilities pursuant to  
3 regulation.

4 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 2999-cc of the public health law, as  
5 separately amended by chapters 238 and 285 of the laws of 2017, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 3. "Originating site" means a site at which a patient is located at  
8 the time health care services are delivered to him or her by means of  
9 telehealth. Originating sites shall be limited to: (a) facilities  
10 licensed under articles twenty-eight and forty of this chapter[7]; (b)  
11 facilities as defined in subdivision six of section 1.03 of the mental  
12 hygiene law[7]; (c) certified and non-certified day and residential  
13 programs funded or operated by the office for people with developmental  
14 disabilities; (d) private physician's or dentist's offices located with-  
15 in the state of New York[7]; (e) any type of adult care facility  
16 licensed under title two of article seven of the social services law[7];  
17 (f) public, private and charter elementary and secondary schools, school  
18 age child care programs, and child day care centers within the state of  
19 New York; and[7, when a patient is receiving health care services by  
20 means of remote patient monitoring,] (g) the patient's place of resi-  
21 dence located within the state of New York or other temporary location  
22 located within or outside the state of New York.

23 § 3. Subdivision 7 of section 2999-cc of the public health, as added  
24 by chapter 6 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

25 7. "Remote patient monitoring" means the use of synchronous or asyn-  
26 chronous electronic information and communication technologies to  
27 collect personal health information and medical data from a patient at  
28 an originating site that is transmitted to a telehealth provider at a  
29 distant site for use in the treatment and management of medical condi-  
30 tions that require frequent monitoring. Such technologies may include  
31 additional interaction triggered by previous transmissions, such as  
32 interactive queries conducted through communication technologies or by  
33 telephone. Such conditions shall include, but not be limited to, conges-  
34 tive heart failure, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease,  
35 wound care, polypharmacy, mental or behavioral problems, and technolo-  
36 gy-dependent care such as continuous oxygen, ventilator care, total  
37 parenteral nutrition or enteral feeding. Remote patient monitoring  
38 shall be ordered by a physician licensed pursuant to article one hundred  
39 thirty-one of the education law, a nurse practitioner licensed pursuant  
40 to article one hundred thirty-nine of the education law, or a midwife  
41 licensed pursuant to article one hundred forty of the education law,  
42 with which the patient has a substantial and ongoing relationship.

43 § 4. Section 2999-dd of the public health law, as added by chapter 6  
44 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

45 § 2999-dd. Telehealth delivery of services. 1. Health care services  
46 delivered by means of telehealth shall be entitled to reimbursement  
47 under section three hundred sixty-seven-u of the social services law.

48 2. The department of health, the office of mental health, the office  
49 of alcoholism and substance abuse services, and the office for people  
50 with developmental disabilities shall coordinate on the issuance of a  
51 single guidance document, to be updated as appropriate, that shall: (a)  
52 identify any differences in regulations or policies issued by the agen-  
53 cies, including with respect to reimbursement pursuant to section three  
54 hundred sixty-seven-u of the social services law; and (b) be designed to  
55 assist consumers, providers, and health plans in understanding and

1 facilitating the appropriate use of telehealth in addressing barriers to  
2 care.

3 § 5. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
4 have become a law. Effective immediately, the commissioner of the  
5 department of health, the commissioner of the office of mental health,  
6 the commissioner of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse  
7 services, and the commissioner of the office for people with develop-  
8 mental disabilities are authorized and directed to issue, amend and/or  
9 repeal any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this  
10 act on or before its effective date.

11 § 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-  
12 sion, section or subpart of this act shall be adjudged by any court of  
13 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,  
14 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in  
15 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section  
16 or subpart thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such  
17 judgment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the  
18 intent of the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if  
19 such invalid provisions had not been included herein.

20 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
21 the applicable effective date of Subparts A through C of this act shall  
22 be as specifically set forth in the last section of such Subparts.

23 PART T

24 Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 31 of part B of chapter 59 of  
25 the laws of 2016, amending the social services law and other laws relat-  
26 ing to authorizing the commissioner of health to apply federally estab-  
27 lished consumer price index penalties for generic drugs, and authorizing  
28 the commissioner of health to impose penalties on managed care plans for  
29 reporting late or incorrect encounter data, is amended to read as  
30 follows:

31 (a) section eleven of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed  
32 March 31, [~~2018~~] 2020;

33 § 2. Subdivision 6-a of section 93 of part C of chapter 58 of the laws  
34 of 2007, amending the social services law and other laws relating to  
35 adjustments of rates, as amended by section 20 of part B of chapter 56  
36 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

37 6-a. section fifty-seven of this act shall expire and be deemed  
38 repealed on [~~December 31, 2018~~] March 31, 2023; provided that the amend-  
39 ments made by such section to subdivision 4 of section 366-c of the  
40 social services law shall apply with respect to determining initial and  
41 continuing eligibility for medical assistance, including the continued  
42 eligibility of recipients originally determined eligible prior to the  
43 effective date of this act, and provided further that such amendments  
44 shall not apply to any person or group of persons if it is subsequently  
45 determined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services or by a  
46 court of competent jurisdiction that medical assistance with federal  
47 financial participation is available for the costs of services provided  
48 to such person or persons under the provisions of subdivision 4 of  
49 section 366-c of the social services law in effect immediately prior to  
50 the effective date of this act.

51 § 3. Section 2 of part II of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, amending  
52 part C of chapter 58 of the laws of 2005 relating to authorizing  
53 reimbursements for expenditures made by or on behalf of social services

1 districts for medical assistance for needy persons and administration  
2 thereof, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
4 deemed repealed [~~two years after it shall have become a law~~] March 31,  
5 2020.

6 § 4. Section 3 of chapter 906 of the laws of 1984, amending the social  
7 services law relating to expanding medical assistance eligibility and  
8 the scope of services available to certain persons with disabilities, as  
9 amended by section 25-a of part B of chapter 56 of the laws of 2013, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 § 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
12 have become a law and shall be of no further force and effect after  
13 [~~December 31, 2018~~] March 31, 2023, at which time the provisions of this  
14 act shall be deemed to be repealed.

15 § 5. Section 4-a of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2013, amending  
16 chapter 59 of the laws of 2011 amending the public health law and other  
17 laws relating to general hospital reimbursement for annual rates relat-  
18 ing to the cap on local Medicaid expenditures, as amended by section 9  
19 of part I of chapter 57 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as  
20 follows:

21 § 4-a. Notwithstanding paragraph (c) of subdivision 10 of section  
22 2807-c of the public health law, section 21 of chapter 1 of the laws of  
23 1999, or any other contrary provision of law, in determining rates of  
24 payments by state governmental agencies effective for services provided  
25 on and after January 1, [~~2019~~] 2017 through March 31, 2019, for inpa-  
26 tient and outpatient services provided by general hospitals, for inpa-  
27 tient services and adult day health care outpatient services provided by  
28 residential health care facilities pursuant to article 28 of the public  
29 health law, except for residential health care facilities or units of  
30 such facilities providing services primarily to children under twenty-  
31 one years of age, for home health care services provided pursuant to  
32 article 36 of the public health law by certified home health agencies,  
33 long term home health care programs and AIDS home care programs, and for  
34 personal care services provided pursuant to section 365-a of the social  
35 services law, the commissioner of health shall apply no greater than  
36 zero trend factors attributable to the 2017, 2018, and 2019 calendar  
37 [~~year~~] years in accordance with paragraph (c) of subdivision 10 of  
38 section 2807-c of the public health law, provided, however, that such no  
39 greater than zero trend factors attributable to such 2017, 2018, and  
40 2019 calendar [~~year~~] years shall also be applied to rates of payment  
41 provided on and after January 1, [~~2019~~] 2017 through March 31, 2019 for  
42 personal care services provided in those local social services  
43 districts, including New York city, whose rates of payment for such  
44 services are established by such local social services districts pursu-  
45 ant to a rate-setting exemption issued by the commissioner of health to  
46 such local social services districts in accordance with applicable regu-  
47 lations[~~7~~]; and provided further, however, that for rates of payment for  
48 assisted living program services provided on and after January 1, [~~2019~~]  
49 2017 through March 31, 2019, such trend factors attributable to the  
50 2017, 2018, and 2019 calendar [~~year~~] years shall be established at no  
51 greater than zero percent.

52 § 5-a. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 7 of section 367-a of the social  
53 services law, as added by section 1 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws  
54 of 2015, the opening paragraph as amended by section 12 and subparagraph  
55 (iv) as amended by section 13 of part B of chapter 59 of the laws of  
56 2016, is amended to read as follows:

1 (e) During the period from April first, two thousand fifteen through  
2 March thirty-first, two thousand [~~seventeen,~~ twenty, the commissioner  
3 may, in lieu of a managed care provider, negotiate directly and enter  
4 into an agreement with a pharmaceutical manufacturer for the provision  
5 of supplemental rebates relating to pharmaceutical utilization by enrol-  
6 lees of managed care providers pursuant to section three hundred sixty-  
7 four-j of this title and may also negotiate directly and enter into such  
8 an agreement relating to pharmaceutical utilization by medical assist-  
9 ance recipients not so enrolled. Such rebates shall be limited to drug  
10 utilization in the following classes: antiretrovirals approved by the  
11 FDA for the treatment of HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C agents for which the  
12 pharmaceutical manufacturer has in effect a rebate agreement with the  
13 federal secretary of health and human services pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §  
14 1396r-8, and for which the state has established standard clinical  
15 criteria. No agreement entered into pursuant to this paragraph shall  
16 have an initial term or be extended beyond [~~March thirty-first, two~~  
17 ~~thousand twenty~~] the expiration or repeal of this paragraph.

18 (i) The manufacturer shall not pay supplemental rebates to a managed  
19 care provider, or any of a managed care provider's agents, including but  
20 not limited to any pharmacy benefit manager on the two classes of drugs  
21 subject to this paragraph when the state is collecting supplemental  
22 rebates and standard clinical criteria are imposed on the managed care  
23 provider.

24 (ii) The commissioner shall establish adequate rates of reimbursement  
25 which shall take into account both the impact of the commissioner nego-  
26 tiating such rebates and any limitations imposed on the managed care  
27 provider's ability to establish clinical criteria relating to the utili-  
28 zation of such drugs. In developing the managed care provider's  
29 reimbursement rate, the commissioner shall identify the amount of  
30 reimbursement for such drugs as a separate and distinct component from  
31 the reimbursement otherwise made for prescription drugs as prescribed by  
32 this section.

33 (iii) The commissioner shall submit a report to the temporary presi-  
34 dent of the senate and the speaker of the assembly annually by December  
35 thirty-first. The report shall analyze the adequacy of rates to managed  
36 care providers for drug expenditures related to the classes under this  
37 paragraph.

38 (iv) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require a pharma-  
39 ceutical manufacturer to enter into a supplemental rebate agreement with  
40 the commissioner relating to pharmaceutical utilization by enrollees of  
41 managed care providers pursuant to section three hundred sixty-four-j of  
42 this title or relating to pharmaceutical utilization by medical assist-  
43 ance recipients not so enrolled.

44 (v) All clinical criteria, including requirements for prior approval,  
45 and all utilization review determinations established by the state as  
46 described in this paragraph for either of the drug classes subject to  
47 this paragraph shall be developed using evidence-based and peer-reviewed  
48 clinical review criteria in accordance with article two-A of the public  
49 health law, as applicable.

50 (vi) All prior authorization and utilization review determinations  
51 related to the coverage of any drug subject to this paragraph shall be  
52 subject to article forty-nine of the public health law, section three  
53 hundred sixty-four-j of this title, and article forty-nine of the insur-  
54 ance law, as applicable. Nothing in this paragraph shall diminish any  
55 rights relating to access, prior authorization, or appeal relating to



1 any drug class or drug afforded to a recipient under any other provision  
2 of law.

3 § 5-b. Subdivision 1 of section 60 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws  
4 of 2015, amending the social services law and other laws relating to  
5 supplemental rebates, is amended and a new subdivision 1-a is added to  
6 read as follows:

7 1. [~~sections~~] section one [~~and fifty-two~~] of this act shall expire  
8 and be deemed repealed March 31, [~~2020~~] 2023;

9 1-a. section fifty-two of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed  
10 March 31, 2020;

11 § 5-c. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 11 of section  
12 230 of the public health law, as amended by section 24 of part B of  
13 chapter 56 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

14 (ii) Participation and membership during a three year demonstration  
15 period in a physician committee of the Medical Society of the State of  
16 New York or the New York State Osteopathic Society whose purpose is to  
17 confront and refer to treatment physicians who are thought to be suffer-  
18 ing from alcoholism, drug abuse, or mental illness. Such demonstration  
19 period shall commence on April first, nineteen hundred eighty and termi-  
20 nate on May thirty-first, nineteen hundred eighty-three. An additional  
21 demonstration period shall commence on June first, nineteen hundred  
22 eighty-three and terminate on March thirty-first, nineteen hundred  
23 eighty-six. An additional demonstration period shall commence on April  
24 first, nineteen hundred eighty-six and terminate on March thirty-first,  
25 nineteen hundred eighty-nine. An additional demonstration period shall  
26 commence April first, nineteen hundred eighty-nine and terminate March  
27 thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-two. An additional demonstration  
28 period shall commence April first, nineteen hundred ninety-two and  
29 terminate March thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-five. An addi-  
30 tional demonstration period shall commence on April first, nineteen  
31 hundred ninety-five and terminate on March thirty-first, nineteen  
32 hundred ninety-eight. An additional demonstration period shall commence  
33 on April first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight and terminate on March  
34 thirty-first, two thousand three. An additional demonstration period  
35 shall commence on April first, two thousand three and terminate on March  
36 thirty-first, two thousand thirteen. An additional demonstration period  
37 shall commence April first, two thousand thirteen and terminate on March  
38 thirty-first, two thousand eighteen. An additional demonstration period  
39 shall commence April first, two thousand eighteen and terminate on March  
40 thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three provided, however, that the  
41 commissioner may prescribe requirements for the continuation of such  
42 demonstration program, including periodic reviews of such programs and  
43 submission of any reports and data necessary to permit such reviews.  
44 During these additional periods, the provisions of this subparagraph  
45 shall also apply to a physician committee of a county medical society.

46 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
47 the amendments to paragraph (e) of subdivision 7 of section 367-a of the  
48 social services law made by section five-a of this act shall not affect  
49 the repeal of such paragraph and shall be deemed repealed therewith; and  
50 provided, further, however that the amendments to subparagraph (ii) of  
51 paragraph (c) of subdivision 11 of section 230 of the public health law  
52 made by section five-c of this act shall not affect the expiration of  
53 such subparagraph and shall be deemed to expire therewith.



1 Section 1. Section 2 of part NN of chapter 58 of the laws of 2015,  
2 amending the mental hygiene law relating to clarifying the authority of  
3 the commissioners in the department of mental hygiene to design and  
4 implement time-limited demonstration programs, is amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
7 deemed repealed March 31, [~~2018~~] 2021.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

9

#### PART V

10 Section 1. Section 7 of part R2 of chapter 62 of the laws of 2003,  
11 amending the mental hygiene law and the state finance law relating to  
12 the community mental health support and workforce reinvestment program,  
13 the membership of subcommittees for mental health of community services  
14 boards and the duties of such subcommittees and creating the community  
15 mental health and workforce reinvestment account, as amended by section  
16 3 of part G of chapter 60 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire March 31,  
19 [~~2018~~] 2021 when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be  
20 deemed repealed.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

22

#### PART W

23

Intentionally Omitted

24

#### PART X

25 Section 1. Section 3 of part A of chapter 111 of the laws of 2010,  
26 amending the mental hygiene law relating to the receipt of federal and  
27 state benefits received by individuals receiving care in facilities  
28 operated by an office of the department of mental hygiene, as amended by  
29 section 1 of part LL of chapter 58 of the laws of 2015, is amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; and shall expire and be  
32 deemed repealed June 30, [~~2018~~] 2021.

33 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

34

#### PART Y

35 Section 1. Legislative intent. In order to provide a permanent  
36 solution ending the entity exemption, the intent of this legislation is  
37 to provide needed clarity as to the activities and services that need to  
38 be performed by licensed practitioners and those that do not require  
39 such license thereby no longer necessitating the need for continuing the  
40 exemption beyond what is provided herein.

41 § 2. Subdivision 10 of section 7605 of the education law, as added by  
42 section 4 of part AA of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is amended and  
43 two new subdivisions 12 and 13 are added to read as follows:

44 10. (a) A person without a license from: performing assessments [~~such~~  
45 ~~as~~] including but not limited to basic information collection, gathering  
46 of demographic data, and informal observations, screening and referral  
47 used for general eligibility for a program or service and determining  
48 the functional status of an individual for the purpose of determining

1 need for services [~~unrelated to a behavioral health diagnosis or treat-~~  
2 ~~ment plan. Such licensure shall not be required to create, develop or~~  
3 ~~implement a service plan unrelated to a behavioral health diagnosis or~~  
4 ~~treatment plan~~]; advising individuals regarding the appropriateness of  
5 benefits they are eligible for; providing general advice and guidance  
6 and assisting individuals or groups with difficult day to day problems  
7 such as finding employment, locating sources of assistance, and organiz-  
8 ing community groups to work on a specific problem; providing peer  
9 services; selecting for suitability and providing substance abuse treat-  
10 ment services or group re-entry services to incarcerated individuals in  
11 state correctional facilities; or providing substance abuse treatment  
12 services or re-entry services to incarcerated individuals in local  
13 correctional facilities.

14 (b) A person without a license from creating, developing or implement-  
15 ing a service plan or recovery plan that is not a behavioral health  
16 diagnosis or treatment plan. Such service or recovery plans shall  
17 include, but are not limited to, coordinating, evaluating or determining  
18 the need for, or the provision of the following services: job training  
19 and employability[7]; housing[7]; homeless services and shelters for  
20 homeless individuals and families; refugee services; residential, day or  
21 community habilitation services; general public assistance[7]; in home  
22 services and supports or home-delivered meals[~~7~~]; ~~investigations conducted~~  
23 ~~or assessments made by~~]; recovery supports; adult or child protective  
24 services including investigations; detention as defined in section five  
25 hundred two of the executive law; prevention and residential services  
26 for victims of domestic violence; services for runaway and homeless  
27 youth; foster care, adoption, preventive services or services in accord-  
28 ance with an approved plan pursuant to section four hundred four of the  
29 social services law, including, adoption and foster home studies and  
30 assessments, family service plans, transition plans [and], permanency  
31 planning activities, and case planning or case management as such terms  
32 are defined in the regulations of the office of children and family  
33 services; residential rehabilitation; home and community based services;  
34 and de-escalation techniques, peer services or skill development. [A  
35 ~~license under this article shall not be required for persons to partic-~~  
36 ~~ipate]~~

37 (c)(i) A person without a license from participating as a member of a  
38 multi-disciplinary team to [implement] assist in the development of or  
39 implementation of a behavioral health services or treatment plan;  
40 provided [however,7] that such team shall include one or more profes-  
41 sionals licensed under this article or articles one hundred thirty-one,  
42 one hundred thirty-nine, one hundred fifty-four or one hundred sixty-  
43 three of this chapter; and provided, further, that the activities  
44 performed by members of the team shall be consistent with the scope of  
45 practice for each team member licensed or authorized under title VIII of  
46 this chapter, and those who are not so authorized may not engage in the  
47 following restricted practices: the diagnosis of mental, emotional,  
48 behavioral, addictive and developmental disorders and disabilities;  
49 patient assessment and evaluating; the provision of psychotherapeutic  
50 treatment; the provision of treatment other than psychotherapeutic  
51 treatment; [and/or the development and implementation of] or independ-  
52 ently developing and implementing assessment-based treatment plans as  
53 defined in section seventy-seven hundred one of this [chapter] title.

54 (ii) For the purposes of this paragraph, "assist" shall include, but  
55 not be limited to, the provision or performance of the following tasks,  
56 services, or functions by an individual who has obtained the training

1 and experience required by the applicable state oversight agency to  
2 perform such task, service or function in facilities or programs operat-  
3 ing pursuant to article nineteen-G of the executive law; articles seven,  
4 sixteen, thirty-one or thirty-two of the mental hygiene law; or title  
5 three of article seven of the social services law:

6 (1) helping an individual with the completion of forms or question-  
7 naires;

8 (2) reviewing existing case records and collecting background informa-  
9 tion about an individual which may be used by the licensed professional  
10 or multi-disciplinary team;

11 (3) gathering and reporting information about previous behavioral  
12 health interventions, hospitalizations, documented diagnosis, or prior  
13 treatment for review by the licensed professional and multi-disciplinary  
14 team;

15 (4) discussing with the individual his or her situation, needs,  
16 concerns, and thoughts in order to help identify services that support  
17 the individual's goals, independence, and quality of life;

18 (5) providing advice, information, and assistance to individuals and  
19 family members to identify needs and available resources in the communi-  
20 ty to help meet the needs of the individual or family member;

21 (6) engaging in immediate and long-term problem solving, engaging in  
22 the development of social skills, or providing general help in areas  
23 including, but not limited to, housing, employment, child care, parent-  
24 ing, community based services, and finances;

25 (7) distributing paper copies of self-administered tests for the indi-  
26 vidual to complete when such tests do not require the observation and  
27 judgment of a licensed professional;

28 (8) monitoring treatment by the collection of written and/or observa-  
29 tional data in accordance with the treatment plan and providing verbal  
30 or written reports to the multi-disciplinary team;

31 (9) identifying gaps in services and coordinating access to or arrang-  
32 ing services for individuals such as home care, community based  
33 services, housing, employment, transportation, child care, vocational  
34 training, or health care;

35 (10) offering education programs that provide information about  
36 disease identification and recommended treatments that may be provided,  
37 and how to access such treatment;

38 (11) reporting on behavior, actions, and responses to treatment by  
39 collecting written and/or observational data as part of a multi-disci-  
40 plinary team;

41 (12) using de-escalation techniques consistent with appropriate train-  
42 ing;

43 (13) performing assessments using standardized, structured interview  
44 tools or instruments;

45 (14) directly delivering services outlined in the service plan that  
46 are not clinical in nature but have been tailored to an individual based  
47 on any diagnoses such individual may have received from a licensed  
48 professional; and

49 (15) advocating with educational, judicial or other systems to protect  
50 an individual's rights and access to appropriate services.

51 (d) Provided, further, that nothing in this subdivision shall be  
52 construed as requiring a license for any particular activity or function  
53 based solely on the fact that the activity or function is not listed in  
54 this subdivision.

55 12. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, noth-  
56 ing in this article shall be construed to prohibit or limit the activ-

1 ities or services provided under this article by any person who is  
2 employed or who commences employment in a program or service operated,  
3 regulated, funded, or approved by the department of mental hygiene, the  
4 office of children and family services, or a local governmental unit as  
5 that term is defined in section 41.03 of the mental hygiene law or a  
6 social services district as defined in section sixty-one of the social  
7 services law on or before one year from the date that the regulations  
8 issued in accordance with section six of the chapter of the laws of two  
9 thousand eighteen which added this subdivision appear in the state  
10 register or are adopted, whichever is later. Such prohibitions or limi-  
11 tations shall not apply to such employees for as long as they remain  
12 employed by such programs or services and whether they remain employed  
13 by the same or other employers providing such programs or services.  
14 Provided, however, that any person who commences employment in such  
15 program or service after such date and performs services that are  
16 restricted under this article shall be appropriately licensed or author-  
17 ized under this article. Each state oversight agency shall create and  
18 maintain a process to verify employment history of individuals exempt  
19 under this subdivision.

20 13. The activities or services provided by a person with a master's  
21 level degree in psychology or its equivalent, working under the super-  
22 vision of a licensed psychologist in a program or service operated,  
23 regulated, funded, or approved by the department of mental hygiene, the  
24 office of children and family services, or a local government unit as  
25 that term is defined in section 41.03 of the mental hygiene law or a  
26 social services district as defined in section sixty-one of the social  
27 services law.

28 § 3. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 1 of section 7702 of the education  
29 law, as amended by chapter 230 of the laws of 2004, is amended and two  
30 new paragraphs (m) and (n) are added to read as follows:

31 (f) ~~[Assist]~~ Provide advice and guidance and assist individuals or  
32 groups with difficult day to day problems such as finding employment,  
33 locating sources of assistance, and organizing community groups to work  
34 on a specific problem.

35 (m) Provide peer services.

36 (n) Collect basic information, gathering of demographic data, and  
37 informal observations, screening and referral used for general eligibil-  
38 ity for a program or service and determining the functional status of an  
39 individual for the purpose of determining the need for services.

40 § 4. Subdivision 7 of section 7706 of the education law, as added by  
41 section 5 of part AA of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is amended and a  
42 new subdivision 8 is added to read as follows:

43 7. (a) Prevent a person without a license from: performing assessments  
44 ~~[such as]~~ including but not limited to basic information collection,  
45 gathering of demographic data, and informal observations, screening and  
46 referral used for general eligibility for a program or service and  
47 determining the functional status of an individual for the purpose of  
48 determining need for services ~~[unrelated to a behavioral health diagno-~~  
49 ~~sis or treatment plan. Such licensure shall not be required to create,~~  
50 ~~develop or implement a service plan unrelated to a behavioral health~~  
51 ~~diagnosis or treatment plan]; advising individuals regarding the appro-  
52 priateness of benefits they are eligible for; providing general advice  
53 and guidance and assisting individuals or groups with difficult day to  
54 day problems such as finding employment, locating sources of assistance,  
55 and organizing community groups to work on a specific problem; providing  
56 peer services; selecting for suitability and providing substance abuse~~

1 treatment services or group re-entry services to incarcerated individ-  
2 uals in state correctional facilities; or providing substance abuse  
3 treatment services or re-entry services to incarcerated individuals in  
4 local correctional facilities.

5 (b) Prevent a person without a license from creating, developing or  
6 implementing a service plan or recovery plan that is not a behavioral  
7 health diagnosis or treatment plan. Such service or recovery plans shall  
8 include, but are not limited to, coordinating, evaluating or determining  
9 the need for, or the provision of the following services: job training  
10 and employability[7]; housing[7]; homeless services and shelters for  
11 homeless individuals and families; refugee services; residential, day or  
12 community habilitation services; general public assistance[7]; in home  
13 services and supports or home-delivered meals[~~7~~]; ~~investigations conducted~~  
14 ~~or assessments made by~~; recovery supports; adult or child protective  
15 services including investigations; detention as defined in section five  
16 hundred two of the executive law; prevention and residential services  
17 for victims of domestic violence; services for runaway and homeless  
18 youth; foster care, adoption, preventive services or services in accord-  
19 ance with an approved plan pursuant to section four hundred four of the  
20 social services law, including, adoption and foster home studies and  
21 assessments, family service plans, transition plans [~~and~~], permanency  
22 planning activities, and case planning or case management as such terms  
23 are defined in the regulations of the office of children and family  
24 services; residential rehabilitation; home and community based services;  
25 and de-escalation techniques, peer services or skill development. [~~A~~  
26 ~~license under this article shall not be required for persons to partic-~~  
27 ~~ipate~~]

28 (c)(i) Prevent a person without a license from participating as a  
29 member of a multi-disciplinary team to [~~implement~~] assist in the devel-  
30 opment of or implementation of a behavioral health services or treatment  
31 plan; provided [~~however~~], that such team shall include one or more  
32 professionals licensed under this article or articles one hundred thir-  
33 ty-one, one hundred thirty-nine, one hundred fifty-three or one hundred  
34 sixty-three of this chapter; and provided, further, that the activities  
35 performed by members of the team shall be consistent with the scope of  
36 practice for each team member licensed or authorized under title VIII of  
37 this chapter, and those who are not so authorized may not engage in the  
38 following restricted practices: the diagnosis of mental, emotional,  
39 behavioral, addictive and developmental disorders and disabilities;  
40 patient assessment and evaluating; the provision of psychotherapeutic  
41 treatment; the provision of treatment other than psychotherapeutic  
42 treatment; [~~and/or the development and implementation of~~] or independ-  
43 ently developing and implementing assessment-based treatment plans as  
44 defined in section seventy-seven hundred one of this article.

45 (ii) For the purposes of this paragraph, "assist" shall include, but  
46 not be limited to, the provision or performance of the following tasks,  
47 services, or functions by an individual who has obtained the training  
48 and experience required by the applicable state oversight agency to  
49 perform such task, service or function in facilities or programs operat-  
50 ing pursuant to article nineteen-G of the executive law; articles seven,  
51 sixteen, thirty-one or thirty-two of the mental hygiene law; or title  
52 three of article seven of the social services law:

53 (1) helping an individual with the completion of forms or question-  
54 naires;



1 (2) reviewing existing case records and collecting background informa-  
2 tion about an individual which may be used by the licensed professional  
3 or multi-disciplinary team;

4 (3) gathering and reporting information about previous behavioral  
5 health interventions, hospitalizations, documented diagnosis, or prior  
6 treatment for review by the licensed professional and multi-disciplinary  
7 team;

8 (4) discussing with the individual his or her situation, needs,  
9 concerns, and thoughts in order to help identify services that support  
10 the individual's goals, independence, and quality of life;

11 (5) providing advice, information, and assistance to individuals and  
12 family members to identify needs and available resources in the communi-  
13 ty to help meet the needs of the individual or family member;

14 (6) engaging in immediate and long-term problem solving, engaging in  
15 the development of social skills, or providing general help in areas  
16 including, but not limited to, housing, employment, child care, parent-  
17 ing, community based services, and finances;

18 (7) distributing paper copies of self-administered tests for the indi-  
19 vidual to complete when such tests do not require the observation and  
20 judgment of a licensed professional;

21 (8) monitoring treatment by the collection of written and/or observa-  
22 tional data in accordance with the treatment plan and providing verbal  
23 or written reports to the multi-disciplinary team;

24 (9) identifying gaps in services and coordinating access to or arrang-  
25 ing services for individuals such as home care, community based  
26 services, housing, employment, transportation, child care, vocational  
27 training, or health care;

28 (10) offering education programs that provide information about  
29 disease identification and recommended treatments that may be provided,  
30 and how to access such treatment;

31 (11) reporting on behavior, actions, and responses to treatment by  
32 collecting written and/or observational data as part of a multi-disci-  
33 plinary team;

34 (12) using de-escalation techniques consistent with appropriate train-  
35 ing;

36 (13) performing assessments using standardized, structured interview  
37 tools or instruments;

38 (14) directly delivering services outlined in the service plan that  
39 are not clinical in nature but have been tailored to an individual based  
40 on any diagnoses such individual may have received from a licensed  
41 professional; and

42 (15) advocating with educational, judicial or other systems to protect  
43 an individual's rights and access to appropriate services.

44 (d) Provided, further, that nothing in this subdivision shall be  
45 construed as requiring a license for any particular activity or function  
46 based solely on the fact that the activity or function is not listed in  
47 this subdivision.

48 8. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, nothing  
49 in this article shall be construed to prohibit or limit the activities  
50 or services provided under this article by any person who is employed or  
51 who commences employment in a program or service operated, regulated,  
52 funded, or approved by the department of mental hygiene, the office of  
53 children and family services, the department of corrections and communi-  
54 ty supervision, the office of temporary and disability assistance, the  
55 state office for the aging and the department of health or a local  
56 governmental unit as that term is defined in section 41.03 of the mental



1 hygiene law or a social services district as defined in section sixty-  
 2 one of the social services law on or before one year from the date that  
 3 the regulations issued in accordance with section six of the chapter of  
 4 the laws of two thousand eighteen which added this subdivision appear in  
 5 the state register or are adopted, whichever is later. Such prohibi-  
 6 tions or limitations shall not apply to such employees for as long as  
 7 they remain employed by such programs or services and whether they  
 8 remain employed by the same or other employers providing such programs  
 9 or services. Provided however, that any person who commences employment  
 10 in such program or service after such date and performs services that  
 11 are restricted under this article shall be appropriately licensed or  
 12 authorized under this article. Each state oversight agency shall create  
 13 and maintain a process to verify employment history of individuals  
 14 exempt under this subdivision.

15 § 5. Subdivision 8 of section 8410 of the education law, as added by  
 16 section 6 of part AA of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is amended and  
 17 two new subdivisions 9 and 10 are added to read as follows:

18 8. (a) Prevent a person without a license from: performing assessments  
 19 [~~such as~~] including but not limited to basic information collection,  
 20 gathering of demographic data, and informal observations, screening and  
 21 referral used for general eligibility for a program or service and  
 22 determining the functional status of an individual for the purpose of  
 23 determining need for services [~~unrelated to a behavioral health diagno-~~  
 24 ~~sis or treatment plan. Such licensure shall not be required to create,~~  
 25 ~~develop or implement a service plan unrelated to a behavioral health~~  
 26 ~~diagnosis or treatment plan]; advising individuals regarding the appro-  
 27 priateness of benefits they are eligible for; providing general advice  
 28 and guidance and assisting individuals or groups with difficult day to  
 29 day problems such as finding employment, locating sources of assistance,  
 30 and organizing community groups to work on a specific problem; providing  
 31 peer services; selecting for suitability and providing substance abuse  
 32 treatment services or group re-entry services to incarcerated individ-  
 33 uals in state correctional facilities; or providing substance abuse  
 34 treatment services or re-entry services to incarcerated individuals in  
 35 local correctional facilities.~~

36 (b) Prevent a person without a license from creating, developing or  
 37 implementing a service plan or recovery plan that is not a behavioral  
 38 health diagnosis or treatment plan. Such service or recovery plans shall  
 39 include, but are not limited to, coordinating, evaluating or determining  
 40 the need for, or the provision of the following services: job training  
 41 and employability[7]; housing[7]; homeless services and shelters for  
 42 homeless individuals and families; refugee services; residential, day or  
 43 community habilitation services; general public assistance[7]; in home  
 44 services and supports or home-delivered meals[7, ~~investigations conducted~~  
 45 ~~or assessments made by~~]; recovery supports; adult or child protective  
 46 services including investigations; detention as defined in section five  
 47 hundred two of the executive law; prevention and residential services  
 48 for victims of domestic violence; services for runaway and homeless  
 49 youth; foster care, adoption, preventive services or services in accord-  
 50 ance with an approved plan pursuant to section four hundred four of the  
 51 social services law, including, adoption and foster home studies and  
 52 assessments, family service plans, transition plans [and], permanency  
 53 planning activities, and case planning or case management as such terms  
 54 are defined in the regulations of the office of children and family  
 55 services; residential rehabilitation; home and community based services;  
 56 and de-escalation techniques, peer services or skill development. [A

~~license under this article shall not be required for persons to participate]~~

(c)(i) Prevent a person without a license from participating as a member of a multi-disciplinary team to ~~[implement]~~ assist in the development of or implementation of a behavioral health services or treatment plan; provided ~~[however,]~~ that such team shall include one or more professionals licensed under this article or articles one hundred thirty-one, one hundred thirty-nine, one hundred fifty-three or one hundred fifty-four of this chapter; and provided, further, that the activities performed by members of the team shall be consistent with the scope of practice for each team member licensed or authorized under title VIII of this chapter, and those who are not so authorized may not engage in the following restricted practices: the diagnosis of mental, emotional, behavioral, addictive and developmental disorders and disabilities; patient assessment and evaluating; the provision of psychotherapeutic treatment; the provision of treatment other than psychotherapeutic treatment; ~~[and/or the development and implementation of]~~ or independently developing and implementing assessment-based treatment plans as defined in section seventy-seven hundred one of this chapter.

(ii) For the purposes of this paragraph, "assist" shall include, but not be limited to, the provision or performance of the following tasks, services, or functions by an individual who has obtained the training and experience required by the applicable state oversight agency to perform such task, service or function in facilities or programs operating pursuant to article nineteen-G of the executive law; articles seven, sixteen, thirty-one or thirty-two of the mental hygiene law; or title three of article seven of the social services law:

(1) helping an individual with the completion of forms or questionnaires;

(2) reviewing existing case records and collecting background information about an individual which may be used by the licensed professional or multi-disciplinary team;

(3) gathering and reporting information about previous behavioral health interventions, hospitalizations, documented diagnosis, or prior treatment for review by the licensed professional and multi-disciplinary team;

(4) discussing with the individual his or her situation, needs, concerns, and thoughts in order to help identify services that support the individual's goals, independence, and quality of life;

(5) providing advice, information, and assistance to individuals and family members to identify needs and available resources in the community to help meet the needs of the individual or family member;

(6) engaging in immediate and long-term problem solving, engaging in the development of social skills, or providing general help in areas including, but not limited to, housing, employment, child care, parenting, community based services, and finances;

(7) distributing paper copies of self-administered tests for the individual to complete when such tests do not require the observation and judgment of a licensed professional;

(8) monitoring treatment by the collection of written and/or observational data in accordance with the treatment plan and providing verbal or written reports to the multi-disciplinary team;

(9) identifying gaps in services and coordinating access to or arranging services for individuals such as home care, community based services, housing, employment, transportation, child care, vocational training, or health care;

1 (10) offering education programs that provide information about  
2 disease identification and recommended treatments that may be provided,  
3 and how to access such treatment;

4 (11) reporting on behavior, actions, and responses to treatment by  
5 collecting written and/or observational data as part of a multi-disci-  
6 plinary team;

7 (12) using de-escalation techniques consistent with appropriate train-  
8 ing;

9 (13) performing assessments using standardized, structured interview  
10 tools or instruments;

11 (14) directly delivering services outlined in the service plan that  
12 are not clinical in nature but have been tailored to an individual based  
13 on any diagnoses such individual may have received from a licensed  
14 professional; and

15 (15) advocating with educational, judicial or other systems to protect  
16 an individual's rights and access to appropriate services.

17 (d) Provided, further, that nothing in this subdivision shall be  
18 construed as requiring a license for any particular activity or function  
19 based solely on the fact that the activity or function is not listed in  
20 this subdivision.

21 9. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, nothing  
22 in this article shall be construed to prohibit or limit the activities  
23 or services provided under this article by any person who is employed or  
24 who commences employment in a program or service operated, regulated,  
25 funded, or approved by the department of mental hygiene, the office of  
26 children and family services, the department of corrections and communi-  
27 ty supervision, the office of temporary and disability assistance, the  
28 state office for the aging and the department of health or a local  
29 governmental unit as that term is defined in section 41.03 of the mental  
30 hygiene law or a social services district as defined in section sixty-  
31 one of the social services law on or before one year from the date that  
32 the regulations issued in accordance with section six of the chapter of  
33 the laws of two thousand eighteen which added this subdivision appear in  
34 the state register or are adopted, whichever is later. Such prohibi-  
35 tions or limitations shall not apply to such employees for as long as  
36 they remain employed by such programs or services and whether they  
37 remain employed by the same or other employers providing such programs  
38 or services. Provided however, that any person who commences employment  
39 in such program or service after such date and performs services that  
40 are restricted under this article shall be appropriately licensed or  
41 authorized under this article. Each state oversight agency shall create  
42 and maintain a process to verify employment history of individuals  
43 exempt under this subdivision.

44 10. The activities or services provided by a person with a master's  
45 level degree required for licensure pursuant to this article, working  
46 under the supervision of a professional licensed pursuant to article one  
47 hundred fifty-three, one hundred fifty-four or this article in a program  
48 or service operated, regulated, funded, or approved by the department of  
49 mental hygiene, the office of children and family services, the depart-  
50 ment of corrections and community supervision, the office of temporary  
51 and disability assistance, the state office for the aging and the  
52 department of health or a local government unit as that term is defined  
53 in section 41.03 of the mental hygiene law or a social services district  
54 as defined in section sixty-one of the social services law.

55 § 6. 1. Not later than September 30, 2018, the state education depart-  
56 ment (hereinafter referred to as "the department"), in consultation with

1 the department of mental hygiene, the office of children and family  
2 services, the office of temporary and disability assistance, the depart-  
3 ment of corrections and community supervision, the state office for the  
4 aging, and the department of health (hereinafter referred to as "execu-  
5 tive agencies") shall develop formal guidance consistent with this chap-  
6 ter for service providers authorized to operate under the respective  
7 executive agencies, to identify the tasks and functions performed by  
8 each agency's service provider workforce categorized as tasks and func-  
9 tions restricted to licensed personnel including tasks and functions  
10 that do not require a license under articles 153, 154 and 163 of the  
11 education law. Subsequent to the issuance of formal guidance by the  
12 department pursuant to this section, the department shall adopt regu-  
13 lations consistent with this chapter. Such regulations shall not be  
14 issued on an emergency basis.

15 2. Not later than sixty days from the adoption of the regulations  
16 required by this section, the executive agencies together shall issue a  
17 single report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate,  
18 the speaker of the assembly, and the state education department that may  
19 include but not be limited to, all matters where any individual agency  
20 objects to or has concerns regarding regulations or guidance issued by  
21 the department pursuant to subdivision one of this section; a projected  
22 fiscal impact or effect of any regulations or guidance on each executive  
23 agency; identification of licensed professions shortage areas under each  
24 executive agency; identification of appropriate rate, policy, or legis-  
25 lative changes that may address workforce shortages in licensed  
26 professions or access to services; an analysis and identification of the  
27 need for resources and investment to fortify the state's mental health  
28 workforce; an identification of barriers to hiring licensees and the  
29 mechanism and oversight structure used to track individuals that are  
30 subject to: subdivision 12 of section 7605 of the education law, subdivi-  
31 sion 8 of section 7706 of the education law, or subdivision 9 of  
32 section 8410 of the education law; or any other pertinent information.

33 3. Upon issuance of the report required pursuant to subdivision two of  
34 this section, the state education department shall have sixty days to  
35 issue a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate,  
36 and the speaker of the assembly on any of the matters identified in  
37 subdivision two of this section provided that such report may include an  
38 analysis of, comments on, or responses to the report issued by subdivi-  
39 sion two of this section. The governor shall provide to the executive  
40 agencies a copy of the report required by this subdivision.

41 § 7. Programs and services operated, regulated, funded, or approved by  
42 the department of mental hygiene, the office of children and family  
43 services, the department of corrections and community supervision, the  
44 office of temporary and disability assistance, the state office for the  
45 aging and the department of health or a local governmental unit as the  
46 term is defined in section 41.03 of the mental hygiene law or a social  
47 services district as defined in section 61 of the social services law  
48 shall not be required to receive a waiver pursuant to section 6503-a of  
49 the education law and, further, such programs and services shall also be  
50 considered to be approved settings for the receipt of supervised experi-  
51 ence for the professions governed by articles 153, 154 and 163 of the  
52 education law.

53 § 8. Subdivision a of section 9 of chapter 420 of the laws of 2002  
54 amending the education law relating to the profession of social work, as  
55 amended by section 1 of part J of chapter 59 of the laws of 2016, is  
56 amended to read as follows:

1 a. Nothing in this act shall prohibit or limit the activities or  
2 services on the part of any person in the employ of a program or service  
3 operated, regulated, funded, or approved by the department of mental  
4 hygiene, the office of children and family services, the office of  
5 temporary and disability assistance, the department of corrections and  
6 community supervision, the state office for the aging, the department of  
7 health, or a local governmental unit as that term is defined in article  
8 41 of the mental hygiene law or a social services district as defined in  
9 section 61 of the social services law, provided, however, this section  
10 shall not authorize the use of any title authorized pursuant to article  
11 154 of the education law, except that this section shall be deemed  
12 repealed [~~on July 1, 2018~~] one year from the date that the regulations  
13 issued in accordance with section six of part Y of the chapter of the  
14 laws of 2018 which amended this subdivision appear in the state regis-  
15 ter, or the date such regulations are adopted, whichever is later;  
16 provided however that the state education department shall notify the  
17 legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the date  
18 such regulations appear in the state register and the date of their  
19 adoption in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and time-  
20 ly effective database of the official text of the laws of the state of  
21 New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of  
22 the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.

23 § 9. Subdivision a of section 17-a of chapter 676 of the laws of 2002,  
24 amending the education law relating to the practice of psychology, as  
25 amended by section 2 of part J of chapter 59 of the laws of 2016, is  
26 amended to read as follows:

27 a. In relation to activities and services provided under article 153  
28 of the education law, nothing in this act shall prohibit or limit such  
29 activities or services on the part of any person in the employ of a  
30 program or service operated, regulated, funded, or approved by the  
31 department of mental hygiene or the office of children and family  
32 services, or a local governmental unit as that term is defined in arti-  
33 cle 41 of the mental hygiene law or a social services district as  
34 defined in section 61 of the social services law. In relation to activ-  
35 ities and services provided under article 163 of the education law,  
36 nothing in this act shall prohibit or limit such activities or services  
37 on the part of any person in the employ of a program or service oper-  
38 ated, regulated, funded, or approved by the department of mental  
39 hygiene, the office of children and family services, the department of  
40 corrections and community supervision, the office of temporary and disa-  
41 bility assistance, the state office for the aging and the department of  
42 health or a local governmental unit as that term is defined in article  
43 41 of the mental hygiene law or a social services district as defined in  
44 section 61 of the social services law, pursuant to authority granted by  
45 law. This section shall not authorize the use of any title authorized  
46 pursuant to article 153 or 163 of the education law by any such employed  
47 person, except as otherwise provided by such articles respectively.  
48 This section shall be deemed repealed [~~July 1, 2018~~] one year from the  
49 date that the regulations issued in accordance with section six of part  
50 Y of the chapter of the laws of 2018 which amended this subdivision  
51 appear in the state register, or the date such regulations are adopted,  
52 whichever is later; provided however that the state education department  
53 shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occur-  
54 rence of the date such regulations appear in the state register and the  
55 date of their adoption in order that the commission may maintain an  
56 accurate and timely effective database of the official text of the laws



1 of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions  
2 of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public  
3 officers law.

4 § 10. Section 16 of chapter 130 of the laws of 2010, amending the  
5 education law and other laws relating to the registration of entities  
6 providing certain professional services and the licensure of certain  
7 professions, as amended by section 3 of part J of chapter 59 of the laws  
8 of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

9 § 16. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that sections  
10 thirteen, fourteen and fifteen of this act shall take effect immediately  
11 and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after  
12 June 1, 2010 and such sections shall be deemed repealed [~~July 1, 2018~~]  
13 one year from the date that the regulations issued in accordance with  
14 section six of part Y of the chapter of the laws of 2018 which amended  
15 this section appear in the state register, or the date such regulations  
16 are adopted, whichever is later; provided however that the state educa-  
17 tion department shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission  
18 upon the occurrence of the date such regulations appear in the state  
19 register and the date of their adoption in order that the commission may  
20 maintain an accurate and timely effective database of the official text  
21 of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the  
22 provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the  
23 public officers law; provided further that the amendments to section 9  
24 of chapter 420 of the laws of 2002 amending the education law relating  
25 to the profession of social work made by section thirteen of this act  
26 shall repeal on the same date as such section repeals; provided further  
27 that the amendments to section 17-a of chapter 676 of the laws of 2002  
28 amending the education law relating to the practice of psychology made  
29 by section fourteen of this act shall repeal on the same date as such  
30 section repeals.

31 § 11. This act shall take effect immediately.

32 PART Z

33 Section 1. Subparagraph (vii) of paragraph e of subdivision 3 of  
34 section 364-j of the social services law, as amended by section 38 of  
35 part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

36 (vii) a person with a developmental or physical disability who  
37 receives home and community-based services or care-at-home services  
38 through a demonstration waiver under section eleven hundred fifteen of  
39 the federal social security act, existing waivers under section nineteen  
40 hundred fifteen (c) of the federal social security act, or who has char-  
41 acteristics and needs similar to such persons;

42 § 2. Clause (x) of subparagraph 1 of paragraph (e) of subdivision 5 of  
43 section 366 of the social services law, as added by section 26-a of part  
44 C of chapter 109 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

45 (x) "nursing facility services" means nursing care and health related  
46 services provided in a nursing facility; a level of care provided in a  
47 hospital which is equivalent to the care which is provided in a nursing  
48 facility; and care, services or supplies provided pursuant to a waiver  
49 granted pursuant to subsection (c) of section 1915 of the federal social  
50 security act or successor federal waiver.

51 § 3. Section 366 of the social services law is amended by adding a new  
52 subdivision 7-c to read as follows:

53 7-c. The commissioner of health in consultation with the commissioner  
54 of developmental disabilities is authorized to submit the appropriate

1 waivers, including, but not limited to, those authorized pursuant to  
2 section eleven hundred fifteen of the federal social security act, in  
3 order to achieve the purposes of high-quality and integrated care and  
4 services for a population of persons with developmental disabilities, as  
5 such term is defined in section 1.03 of the mental hygiene law. Such  
6 waiver applications shall be executed consistent with subdivisions  
7 seven, seven-a, and seven-b of this section, to the extent those  
8 sections comply with the requirements of section eleven hundred fifteen  
9 of the federal social security act. Nothing in subdivision seven of this  
10 section shall prevent the commissioner of health, in consultation with  
11 the commissioner of developmental disabilities, from submitting waiver  
12 applications expanding eligibility under such waivers to children under  
13 eighteen years or age who are eligible for medical assistance.

14 § 4. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 366-c of the social  
15 services law, as amended by section 68 of part A of chapter 56 of the  
16 laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

17 (a) For purposes of this section an "institutionalized spouse" is a  
18 person (i) who is in a medical institution or nursing facility and  
19 expected to remain in such facility or institution for at least thirty  
20 consecutive days; or (ii) who is receiving care, services and supplies  
21 pursuant to a waiver pursuant to subsection (c) of section nineteen  
22 hundred fifteen of the federal social security act, or successor to such  
23 waiver, or is receiving care, services and supplies in a managed long-  
24 term care plan pursuant to section eleven hundred fifteen of the social  
25 security act; and (iii) who is married to a person who is not in a  
26 medical institution or nursing facility or is not receiving waiver  
27 services described in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph; provided,  
28 however, that medical assistance shall be furnished pursuant to this  
29 paragraph only if, for so long as, and to the extent that federal finan-  
30 cial participation is available therefor. The commissioner of health  
31 shall make any amendments to the state plan for medical assistance, or  
32 apply for any waiver or approval under the federal social security act  
33 that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this paragraph.

34 § 5. The closing paragraph of subdivision 4 of section 366-c of the  
35 social services law, as amended by section 42 of part D of chapter 58 of  
36 the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

37 provided, however, that, to the extent required by federal law, the  
38 terms of this subdivision shall not apply to persons who are receiving  
39 care, services and supplies pursuant to the following waivers under  
40 section 1915(c) of the federal social security act: the nursing facility  
41 transition and diversion waiver authorized pursuant to subdivision six-a  
42 of section three hundred sixty-six of this title; the traumatic brain  
43 injury waiver authorized pursuant to section twenty-seven hundred forty  
44 of the public health law, the long term home health care program waiver  
45 authorized pursuant to section three hundred sixty-seven-c of this  
46 title, and the home and community based services waiver for persons with  
47 developmental disabilities, or successor to such waiver, administered by  
48 the office [~~of mental retardation and~~] for people with developmental  
49 disabilities pursuant to an agreement with the federal centers for medi-  
50 care and Medicaid services.

51 § 6. Paragraph 4 of subdivision (a) of section 16.03 of the mental  
52 hygiene law, as added by section 6 of part MM of chapter 58 of the laws  
53 of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

54 (4) The provision of home and community based services approved under  
55 a waiver program authorized pursuant to section eleven hundred fifteen  
56 of the federal social security act or subdivision (c) of section nine-

1 teen hundred fifteen of the federal social security act and subdivisions  
2 seven and seven-a of section three hundred sixty-six of the social  
3 services law, provided that an operating certificate issued pursuant to  
4 this paragraph shall only authorize services in a home or community  
5 setting.

6 § 7. Paragraph 2 of subdivision (a) of section 16.11 of the mental  
7 hygiene law, as added by section 10 of part MM of chapter 58 of the laws  
8 of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

9 (2) The review of providers of services, as defined in paragraph four  
10 of subdivision (a) of section 16.03 of this article, shall ensure that  
11 the provider of services complies with all the requirements of the  
12 applicable federal home and community based services waiver program, or  
13 other successor Medicaid waiver program, and applicable federal regu-  
14 lation, subdivisions seven and seven-a of section three hundred sixty-  
15 six of the social services law and rules and regulations adopted by the  
16 commissioner.

17 § 8. Subdivision (b) of section 80.03 of the mental hygiene law, as  
18 amended by chapter 37 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 (b) "A patient in need of surrogate decision-making" means a patient  
21 as defined in subdivision twenty-three of section 1.03 of this chapter  
22 who is: a resident of a mental hygiene facility including a resident of  
23 housing programs funded by an office of the department or whose federal  
24 funding application was approved by an office of the department or for  
25 whom such facility maintains legal admission status therefor; or,  
26 receiving home and community-based services for persons with mental  
27 disabilities provided pursuant to section 1915 or 1115 of the federal  
28 social security act; or receiving individualized support services; or,  
29 case management or service coordination funded, approved, or provided by  
30 the office for people with developmental disabilities; and, for whom  
31 major medical treatment is proposed, and who is determined by the surro-  
32 gate decision-making committee to lack the ability to consent to or  
33 refuse such treatment, but shall not include minors with parents or  
34 persons with legal guardians, committees or conservators who are legally  
35 authorized, available and willing to make such health care decisions.  
36 Once a person is eligible for surrogate decision-making, such person may  
37 continue to receive surrogate decision-making as authorized by this  
38 section regardless of a change in residential status.

39 § 9. Subdivision 1-a of section 84 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws  
40 of 2013, amending the social services law and other laws relating to  
41 enacting the major components of legislation necessary to implement the  
42 health and mental hygiene budget for the 2013-2014 state fiscal year, is  
43 amended and a new subdivision 1-b is added to read as follows:

44 1-a. sections seventy-three through eighty-a shall expire and be  
45 deemed repealed September 30, [~~2019~~] 2023;

46 1-b. the commissioner of the office for people with developmental  
47 disabilities shall assess the quality and outcomes of managed care for  
48 individuals with developmental disabilities, including their experiences  
49 and satisfaction, and report to the temporary president of the senate  
50 and the speaker of the assembly no later than December 31, 2022;

51 § 10. Paragraph (a-1) of subdivision 8 of section 4403 of the public  
52 health law, as amended by chapter 474 of the laws of 2015, is amended to  
53 read as follows:

54 (a-1) If the commissioner and the commissioner of the office for  
55 people with developmental disabilities determine that such organization  
56 lacks the experience required in paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the

1 organization shall have an affiliation arrangement with an entity or  
2 entities that are non-profit organizations or organizations whose share-  
3 holders are solely controlled by non-profit organizations with experi-  
4 ence serving persons with developmental disabilities, as demonstrated by  
5 criteria to be determined by the commissioner and the commissioner of  
6 the office for people with developmental disabilities, with such crite-  
7 ria including, but not limited to, residential, day, and employment  
8 services such that the affiliated entity will coordinate and plan  
9 services operated, certified, funded, authorized or approved by the  
10 office for people with developmental disabilities or will oversee and  
11 approve such coordination and planning;

12 § 11. Section 97 of chapter 659 of the laws of 1997, amending the  
13 public health law and other laws relating to creation of continuing care  
14 retirement communities, as amended by section 20 of part D of chapter 57  
15 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

16 § 97. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that  
17 the amendments to subdivision 4 of section 854 of the general municipal  
18 law made by section seventy of this act shall not affect the expiration  
19 of such subdivision and shall be deemed to expire therewith and provided  
20 further that sections sixty-seven and sixty-eight of this act shall  
21 apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1998 and  
22 provided further that sections eighty-one through eighty-seven of this  
23 act shall expire and be deemed repealed on December 31, [~~2019~~] 2024 and  
24 provided further, however, that the amendments to section ninety of this  
25 act shall take effect January 1, 1998 and shall apply to all policies,  
26 contracts, certificates, riders or other evidences of coverage of long  
27 term care insurance issued, renewed, altered or modified pursuant to  
28 section 3229 of the insurance law on or after such date.

29 § 12. Paragraph (a-1) of subdivision 12 of section 4403-f of the  
30 public health law, as amended by chapter 474 of the laws of 2015, is  
31 amended to read as follows:

32 (a-1) If the commissioner and the commissioner of the office for  
33 people with developmental disabilities determine that such plan lacks  
34 the experience required in paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the plan  
35 shall have an affiliation arrangement with an entity or entities that  
36 are non-profit organizations or organizations whose shareholders are  
37 solely controlled by non-profit organizations with experience serving  
38 persons with developmental disabilities, as demonstrated by criteria to  
39 be determined by the commissioner and the commissioner of the office for  
40 people with developmental disabilities, with such criteria including,  
41 but not limited to, residential, day and employment services, such that  
42 the affiliated entity will coordinate and plan services operated, certi-  
43 fied, funded, authorized or approved by the office for people with  
44 developmental disabilities or will oversee and approve such coordination  
45 and planning;

46 § 13. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 of section 4403-g of the public  
47 health law, as added by section 73 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws  
48 of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

49 (d) "Health and long term care services" means comprehensive health  
50 services and other services as determined by the commissioner and the  
51 commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities,  
52 whether provided by state-operated programs or not-for-profit entities,  
53 including, but not limited to, habilitation services, home and communi-  
54 ty-based and institution-based long term care services, and ancillary  
55 services, that shall include medical supplies and nutritional supple-  
56 ments, that are necessary to meet the needs of persons whom the plan is

1 authorized to enroll[~~, and may include primary care and acute care if~~  
2 ~~the DISCO is authorized to provide or arrange for such services~~]. Each  
3 person enrolled in a DISCO shall receive health and long term care  
4 services designed to achieve person-centered outcomes, to enable that  
5 person to live in the most integrated setting appropriate to that  
6 person's needs, and to enable that person to interact with nondisabled  
7 persons to the fullest extent possible in social, workplace and other  
8 community settings, provided that all such services are consistent with  
9 such person's wishes to the extent that such wishes are known and in  
10 accordance with such person's needs.

11 § 14. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 4403-g of the public  
12 health law, as added by section 73 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws  
13 of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

14 (b) A description of the services to be covered by such DISCO, which  
15 must include all health and long term care services, as defined in para-  
16 graph (d) of subdivision one of this section, and other services as  
17 determined by the commissioner and the commissioner of the office for  
18 people with developmental disabilities;

19 § 15. Paragraph (j) of subdivision 4 of section 4403-g of the public  
20 health law, as added by section 73 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws  
21 of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

22 (j) Readiness and capability [~~to arrange and manage covered services~~]  
23 of organizing, marketing, managing, promoting and operating a health and  
24 long term care services plan, or has an affiliation agreement with an  
25 entity that has such readiness and capability;

26 § 16. Subdivision (c) of section 62 of chapter 165 of the laws of  
27 1991, amending the public health law and other laws relating to estab-  
28 lishing payments for medical assistance, as amended by section 17 of  
29 part D of chapter 57 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

30 (c) section 364-j of the social services law, as amended by section  
31 eight of this act and subdivision 6 of section 367-a of the social  
32 services law as added by section twelve of this act shall expire and be  
33 deemed repealed on March 31, [~~2019~~ 2024 and provided further, that the  
34 amendments to the provisions of section 364-j of the social services law  
35 made by section eight of this act shall only apply to managed care  
36 programs approved on or after the effective date of this act;

37 § 17. Subdivision (c) of section 13.40 of the mental hygiene law, as  
38 added by section 72-b of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2013, is  
39 amended to read as follows:

40 (c) No person with a developmental disability who is receiving or  
41 applying for medical assistance and who is receiving, or eligible to  
42 receive, services operated, funded, certified, authorized or approved by  
43 the office, shall be required to enroll in a DISCO, HMO or MLTC in order  
44 to receive such services until program features and reimbursement rates  
45 are approved by the commissioner and the commissioner of health, and  
46 until such commissioners determine that a sufficient number of plans  
47 that are authorized to coordinate care for individuals pursuant to this  
48 section or that are authorized to operate and to exclusively enroll  
49 persons with developmental disabilities pursuant to subdivision twenty-  
50 seven of section three hundred sixty-four-j of the social services law  
51 are operating in such person's county of residence to meet the needs of  
52 persons with developmental disabilities, and that such entities meet the  
53 standards of this section. No person shall be required to enroll in a  
54 DISCO, HMO or MLTC in order to receive services operated, funded, certi-  
55 fied, authorized or approved by the office until there are at least two  
56 entities operating under this section in such person's county of resi-



1 dence, unless federal approval is secured to require enrollment when  
2 there are less than two such entities operating in such county. Notwith-  
3 standing the foregoing or any other law to the contrary, any health care  
4 provider: (i) enrolled in the Medicaid program and (ii) rendering hospi-  
5 tal services, as such term is defined in section twenty-eight hundred  
6 one of the public health law, to an individual with a developmental  
7 disability who is enrolled in a DISCO, HMO or MLTC, or a prepaid health  
8 services plan operating pursuant to section forty-four hundred three-a  
9 of the public health law, including, but not limited to, an individual  
10 who is enrolled in a plan authorized by section three hundred sixty-  
11 four-j or the social services law, shall accept as full reimbursement  
12 the negotiated rate or, in the event that there is no negotiated rate,  
13 the rate of payment that the applicable government agency would other-  
14 wise pay for such rendered hospital services.

15 § 18. Section 11 of chapter 710 of the laws of 1988, amending the  
16 social services law and the education law relating to medical assistance  
17 eligibility of certain persons and providing for managed medical care  
18 demonstration programs, as amended by section 1 of part F of chapter 73  
19 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

20 § 11. This act shall take effect immediately; except that the  
21 provisions of sections one, two, three, four, eight and ten of this act  
22 shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law;  
23 and except that the provisions of sections five, six and seven of this  
24 act shall take effect January 1, 1989; and except that effective imme-  
25 diately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation  
26 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are  
27 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such  
28 effective date; provided, however, that the provisions of section 364-j  
29 of the social services law, as added by section one of this act shall  
30 expire and be deemed repealed on and after March 31, [~~2019~~ 2024, the  
31 provisions of section 364-k of the social services law, as added by  
32 section two of this act, except subdivision 10 of such section, shall  
33 expire and be deemed repealed on and after January 1, 1994, and the  
34 provisions of subdivision 10 of section 364-k of the social services  
35 law, as added by section two of this act, shall expire and be deemed  
36 repealed on January 1, 1995.

37 § 19. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
38 the amendments to subparagraph (vii) of paragraph e of subdivision 3 of  
39 section 364-j of the social services law made by section one of this act  
40 shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed  
41 therewith; provided further, however, that the amendments to subdivision  
42 4 of section 366-c of the social services law made by section five of  
43 this act shall not affect the expiration of such subdivision and shall  
44 be deemed to expire therewith; provided further, however, that the  
45 amendments to subdivision 8 of section 4403 of the public health law,  
46 made by section ten of this act, shall not affect the repeal of such  
47 subdivision and shall be deemed repealed therewith; provided further,  
48 however, that the amendments to paragraph (a-1) of subdivision 12 of  
49 section 4403-f of the public health law, made by section twelve of this  
50 act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed to  
51 be repealed therewith; provided further, however, that the amendments to  
52 subdivision 12 of section 4403-f of the public health law, made by  
53 section twelve of this act, shall not affect the repeal of such subdivi-  
54 sion and shall be deemed repealed therewith; provided, further, however,  
55 that the amendments to section 4403-g of the public health law, made by

1 sections thirteen, fourteen and fifteen of this act shall not affect the  
2 repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

3 PART AA

4 Section 1. Subdivisions 3-b and 3-c of section 1 of part C of chapter  
5 57 of the laws of 2006, relating to establishing a cost of living  
6 adjustment for designated human services programs, as amended by section  
7 1 of part Q of chapter 57 of the laws of 2017, are amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 3-b. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, beginning  
10 April 1, 2009 and ending March 31, 2016 and beginning April 1, 2017 and  
11 ending March 31, [~~2018~~] 2019, the commissioners shall not include a COLA  
12 for the purpose of establishing rates of payments, contracts or any  
13 other form of reimbursement, provided that the commissioners of the  
14 office for people with developmental disabilities, the office of mental  
15 health, and the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services shall  
16 not include a COLA beginning April 1, 2017 and ending March 31, 2019.

17 3-c. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, beginning  
18 April 1, [~~2018~~] 2019 and ending March 31, [~~2021~~] 2022, the commissioners  
19 shall develop the COLA under this section using the actual U.S. consumer  
20 price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) published by the United  
21 States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics for the twelve  
22 month period ending in July of the budget year prior to such state  
23 fiscal year, for the purpose of establishing rates of payments,  
24 contracts or any other form of reimbursement.

25 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to  
26 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2018; provided,  
27 however, that the amendments to section 1 of part C of chapter 57 of the  
28 laws of 2006 made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal  
29 of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

30 PART BB

31 Section 1. Intentionally omitted.

32 § 2. Intentionally omitted.

33 § 3. Intentionally omitted.

34 § 4. Subdivision (b) of schedule I of section 3306 of the public  
35 health law is amended by adding two new paragraphs 56 and 57 to read as  
36 follows:

37 (56) 3,4-dichloro-N-((1-dimethylamino) cyclohexylmethyl)benzamide.  
38 Some trade or other names: AH-7921.

39 (57) N-(1-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)-N-phenylacetamide (Acetyl Fenta-  
40 nyl).

41 § 5. Subdivision (d) of schedule I of section 3306 of the public  
42 health law is amended by adding three new paragraphs 36, 37 and 38 to  
43 read as follows:

44 (36) 5-methoxy-N,N-dimethyltryptamine.

45 (37) Alpha-methyltryptamine. Some trade or other names: AMT.

46 (38) 5-methoxy-N,N-diisopropyltryptamine. Some trade or other names:  
47 5-MeO-DIPT.

48 § 6. Intentionally omitted.

49 § 7. Schedule I of section 3306 of the public health law is amended by  
50 adding two new subdivisions (g) and (h) to read as follows:

51 (g) Synthetic cannabinoids. Unless specifically excepted or unless  
52 listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture, or prepara-

1 tion, which contains any quantity of the following synthetic cannabinoid  
2 substances, or which contains any of its salts, isomers, and salts of  
3 isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of  
4 isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation (for  
5 purposes of this paragraph only, the term "isomer" includes the optical,  
6 position and geometric isomers):

7 (1) (1-pentyl-1H-indol-3-yl)(2,2,3,3-tetramethylcyclopropyl) metha-  
8 none. Some trade or other names: UR-144.

9 (2) {1-(5-fluoro-pentyl)-1H-indol-3-yl}(2,2,3,3-tetramethylcyclopropyl)  
10 methanone. Some trade names or other names: 5-fluoro-UR-144, XLR11.

11 (3) N-(1-adamantyl)-1-pentyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide. Some trade or  
12 other names: APINACA, AKB48.

13 (4) quinolin-8-yl 1-pentyl-1H-indole-3-carboxylate. Some trade or  
14 other names: PB-22; OUPIC.

15 (5) quinolin-8-yl 1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxylate. Some  
16 trade or other names: 5-fluoro-PB-22; 5F-PB-22.

17 (6) N-(1-amino-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-1H-indazo-  
18 le-3-carboxamide. Some trade or other names: AB-FUBINACA.

19 (7) N-(1-amino-3,3-dimethyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-pentyl-1H-indazole-3-  
20 carboxamide. Some trade or other names: ADB-PINACA.

21 (8) N-(1-amino-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1H-  
22 indazole-3-carboxamide. Some trade or other names: AB-CHMINACA.

23 (9) N-(1-amino-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-pentyl-1H-indazole-3-  
24 carboxamide. Some trade or other names: AB-PINACA.

25 (10) {1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indazol-3-yl}(naphthalen-1-yl)methanone.  
26 Some trade or other names: THJ-2201.

27 (h) (1) Cannabimimetic agents. Unless specifically exempted or unless  
28 listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture, or prepara-  
29 tion that is not approved by the federal food and drug administration  
30 (FDA) which contains any quantity of cannabimimetic agents, or which  
31 contains their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the exist-  
32 ence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the  
33 specific chemical designation.

34 (2) As used in this subdivision, the term "cannabimimetic agents"  
35 means any substance that is a cannabinoid receptor type 1 (CB1 receptor)  
36 agonist as demonstrated by binding studies and functional assays within  
37 any of the following structural classes:

38 (i) 2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)phenol with substitution at the 5-position  
39 of the phenolic ring by alkyl or alkenyl, whether or not substituted on  
40 the cyclohexyl ring to any extent.

41 (ii) 3-(1-naphthoyl)indole or 3-(1-naphthylmethane)indole by substi-  
42 tution at the nitrogen atom of the indole ring, whether or not further  
43 substituted on the indole ring to any extent, whether or not substituted  
44 on the naphthoyl or naphthyl ring to any extent.

45 (iii) 3-(1-naphthoyl)pyrrole by substitution at the nitrogen atom of  
46 the pyrrole ring, whether or not further substituted in the pyrrole ring  
47 to any extent, whether or not substituted on the naphthoyl ring to any  
48 extent.

49 (iv) 1-(1-naphthylmethylene)indene by substitution of the 3-position  
50 of the indene ring, whether or not further substituted in the indene  
51 ring to any extent, whether or not substituted on the naphthyl ring to  
52 any extent.

53 (v) 3-phenylacetylindole or 3-benzoylindole by substitution at the  
54 nitrogen atom of the indole ring, whether or not further substituted in  
55 the indole ring to any extent, whether or not substituted on the phenyl  
56 ring to any extent.

1 (3) Such term includes:

2 (i) 5-(1,1-dimethylheptyl)-2-((1R,3S)-3-hydroxycyclohexyl)-phenol  
3 (CP-47,497);

4 (ii) 5-(1,1-dimethyloctyl)-2-((1R,3S)-3-hydroxycyclohexyl)-phenol  
5 (cannabicyclohexanol or CP-47,497 C8-homolog);

6 (iii) 1-pentyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-018 and AM678);

7 (iv) 1-butyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-073);

8 (v) 1-hexyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-019);

9 (vi) 1-{2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl}-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-200);

10 (vii) 1-pentyl-3-(2-methoxyphenylacetyl)indole (JWH-250);

11 (viii) 1-pentyl-3-{1-(4-methoxynaphthoyl)}indole (JWH-081);

12 (ix) 1-pentyl-3-(4-methyl-1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-122);

13 (x) 1-pentyl-3-(4-chloro-1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-398);

14 (xi) 1-(5-fluoropentyl)-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (AM2201);

15 (xii) 1-(5-fluoropentyl)-3-(2-iodobenzoyl)indole (AM694);

16 (xiii) 1-pentyl-3-{(4-methoxy)-benzoyl}indole (SR-19 and RCS-4);

17 (xiv) 1-cyclohexylethyl-3-(2-methoxyphenylacetyl)indole (SR-18 and  
18 RCS-8); and

19 (xv) 1-pentyl-3-(2-chlorophenylacetyl)indole (JWH-203).

20 § 8. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
21 have become a law.

22 PART CC

23 Section 1. Intentionally omitted.

24 § 2. Intentionally omitted.

25 § 3. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 12 of section 230 of the public  
26 health law, as amended by chapter 599 of the laws of 1996, is amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 (b) When a licensee has pleaded or been found guilty or convicted of  
29 committing an act constituting a felony under New York state law or  
30 federal law, or the law of another jurisdiction which, if committed  
31 within this state, would have constituted a felony under New York state  
32 law, or when a licensee has been charged with committing an act consti-  
33 tuting a felony under New York state or federal law or the law of anoth-  
34 er jurisdiction, where the licensee's alleged conduct, which, if commit-  
35 ted within this state, would have constituted a felony under New York  
36 state law, and in the commissioner's opinion the licensee's alleged  
37 conduct constitutes an imminent danger to the health of the people, or  
38 when the duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another  
39 jurisdiction has made a finding substantially equivalent to a finding  
40 that the practice of medicine by the licensee in that jurisdiction  
41 constitutes an imminent danger to the health of its people, or when a  
42 licensee has been disciplined by a duly authorized professional disci-  
43 plinary agency of another jurisdiction for acts which if committed in  
44 this state would have constituted the basis for summary action by the  
45 commissioner pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the commis-  
46 sioner, after a recommendation by a committee of professional conduct of  
47 the state board for professional medical conduct, may order the licen-  
48 see, by written notice, to discontinue or refrain from practicing medi-  
49 cine in whole or in part or to take certain actions authorized pursuant  
50 to this title immediately. The order of the commissioner shall consti-  
51 tute summary action against the licensee and become public upon issu-  
52 ance. The summary suspension shall remain in effect until the final  
53 conclusion of a hearing which shall commence within ninety days of the  
54 date of service of the commissioner's order, end within ninety days

1 thereafter and otherwise be held in accordance with paragraph (a) of  
2 this subdivision, provided, however, that when the commissioner's order  
3 is based upon a finding substantially equivalent to a finding that the  
4 practice of medicine by the licensee in another jurisdiction constitutes  
5 an imminent danger to the health of its people, the hearing shall  
6 commence within thirty days after the disciplinary proceedings in that  
7 jurisdiction are finally concluded. If, at any time, the felony charge  
8 is dismissed, withdrawn or reduced to a non-felony charge, the commis-  
9 sioner's summary order shall terminate.

10 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

11 PART DD

12 Section 1. Subdivisions 2 and 4 of section 6801 of the education law,  
13 as amended by chapter 46 of the laws of 2015, are amended to read as  
14 follows:

15 2. A licensed pharmacist may execute a non-patient specific regimen  
16 prescribed or ordered by a physician licensed in this state or nurse  
17 practitioner certified in this state, pursuant to rules and regulations  
18 promulgated by the commissioner. When a licensed pharmacist administers  
19 an immunizing agent, he or she shall:

20 (a) report such administration by electronic transmission or [~~facsi-~~  
21 ~~mile~~] facsimile to the patient's attending primary health care practi-  
22 tioner or practitioners, if any, and, to the extent practicable, make  
23 himself or herself available to discuss the outcome of such immuniza-  
24 tion, including any adverse reactions, with the attending primary health  
25 care practitioner, [~~or~~] and to the statewide immunization registry or  
26 the citywide immunization registry, as established pursuant to and to  
27 the extent permitted by section twenty-one hundred sixty-eight of the  
28 public health law; and

29 (b) provide information to the patient or, where applicable, the  
30 person legally responsible for the patient, on the importance of having  
31 a primary health care practitioner, developed by the commissioner of  
32 health; and

33 (c) report such administration, absent of any individually identifi-  
34 able health information, to the department of health in a manner  
35 required by the commissioner of health[~~or~~]; and

36 (d) prior to administering the immunization, inform the patient or,  
37 where applicable, the person legally responsible for the patient, of the  
38 total cost of the immunization or immunizations, subtracting any health  
39 insurance subsidization, if applicable. In the case the immunization is  
40 not covered, the pharmacist must inform the patient or, where applica-  
41 ble, the person legally responsible for the patient, of the possibility  
42 that the immunization may be covered when administered by a primary care  
43 physician or practitioner; and

44 (e) administer the immunization or immunizations according to the most  
45 current recommendations by the advisory committee for immunization prac-  
46 tices (ACIP), provided however, that a pharmacist may administer any  
47 immunization authorized under this section when specified by a patient  
48 specific order.

49 4. When administering an immunization in a pharmacy, the licensed  
50 pharmacist shall provide an area for the immunization that provides for  
51 a patient's privacy. The privacy area should include:

52 a. a clearly visible posting of the most current "Recommended Adult  
53 Immunization Schedule" published by the advisory committee for immuniza-  
54 tion practices (ACIP); and



1 (b) education materials on influenza vaccinations for children as  
2 determined by the commissioner and the commissioner of health.

3 § 2. Subdivision 22 of section 6802 of the education law, as amended  
4 by chapter 46 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

5 22. "Administer", for the purpose of section sixty-eight hundred one  
6 of this article, means:

7 a. the direct application of an immunizing agent to adults, whether by  
8 injection, ingestion, inhalation or any other means, pursuant to a  
9 patient specific order or non-patient specific regimen prescribed or  
10 ordered by a physician or certified nurse practitioner, who has a prac-  
11 tice site in the county or adjoining county in which the immunization is  
12 administered, for immunizations to prevent influenza, pneumococcal,  
13 acute herpes zoster, meningococcal, tetanus, diphtheria or pertussis  
14 disease and medications required for emergency treatment of anaphylaxis.  
15 If the commissioner of health determines that there is an outbreak of  
16 disease, or that there is the imminent threat of an outbreak of disease,  
17 then the commissioner of health may issue a non-patient specific regimen  
18 applicable statewide.

19 b. the direct application of an immunizing agent to children between  
20 the ages of two and eighteen years of age, whether by injection, inges-  
21 tion, inhalation or any other means, pursuant to a patient specific  
22 order or non-patient specific regimen prescribed or ordered by a physi-  
23 cian or certified nurse practitioner, who has a practice site in the  
24 county or adjoining county in which the immunization is administered,  
25 for immunization to prevent influenza and medications required for emer-  
26 gency treatment of anaphylaxis resulting from such immunization. If the  
27 commissioner of health determines that there is an outbreak of influen-  
28 za, or that there is the imminent threat of an outbreak of influenza,  
29 then the commissioner of health may issue a non-patient specific regimen  
30 applicable statewide.

31 § 2-a. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 2168 of the public  
32 health law, as amended by chapter 420 of the laws of 2014, is amended to  
33 read as follows:

34 (a) (i) Any health care provider who administers any vaccine to a  
35 person less than nineteen years of age or, on or after September first,  
36 two thousand nine, conducts a blood lead analysis of a sample obtained  
37 from a person under eighteen years of age in accordance with paragraph  
38 (h) of subdivision two of this section; and immunizations received by a  
39 person less than nineteen years of age in the past if not already  
40 reported, shall report all such immunizations and the results of any  
41 blood lead analysis to the department in a format prescribed by the  
42 commissioner within fourteen days of administration of such immuniza-  
43 tions or of obtaining the results of any such blood lead analysis.  
44 Health care providers administering immunizations to persons less than  
45 nineteen years of age in the city of New York shall report, in a format  
46 prescribed by the city of New York commissioner of health and mental  
47 hygiene, all such immunizations to the citywide immunization registry.  
48 Health care providers who conduct a blood lead analysis on a person  
49 under eighteen years of age and who report the results of such analysis  
50 to the city of New York commissioner of health and mental hygiene pursu-  
51 ant to New York city reporting requirements shall be exempt from this  
52 requirement for reporting blood lead analysis results to the state  
53 commissioner of health; provided, however, blood lead analysis data  
54 collected from physician office laboratories by the commissioner of  
55 health and mental hygiene of the city of New York pursuant to the health

1 code of the city of New York shall be provided to the department in a  
2 format prescribed by the commissioner.

3 (ii) A pharmacist who administers a vaccine pursuant to subdivision  
4 two of section sixty-eight hundred one of the education law, to a person  
5 less than nineteen years of age, shall report all such immunizations to  
6 the department in a format prescribed by the commissioner within four-  
7 teen days of administration of such immunizations. Pharmacists adminis-  
8 tering immunizations pursuant to subdivision two of section sixty-eight  
9 hundred one of the education law to persons less than nineteen years of  
10 age in the city of New York shall report, in a format prescribed by the  
11 city of New York commissioner of health and mental hygiene, all such  
12 immunizations to the citywide immunization registry.

13 § 3. Section 8 of chapter 563 of the laws of 2008, amending the educa-  
14 tion law and the public health law relating to immunizing agents to be  
15 administered to adults by pharmacists, as amended by chapter 46 of the  
16 laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

17 § 8. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
18 have become a law and shall expire and be deemed repealed July 1,  
19 [~~2019~~] 2020.

20 § 4. Section 5 of chapter 116 of the laws of 2012, amending the educa-  
21 tion law relating to authorizing a licensed pharmacist and certified  
22 nurse practitioner to administer certain immunizing agents, as amended  
23 by chapter 46 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

24 § 5. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
25 have become a law [~~and~~], provided, however, that the provisions of  
26 sections one, two and four of this act shall expire and be deemed  
27 repealed July 1, [~~2019~~] 2020 provided, that:

28 (a) the amendments to subdivision 7 of section 6527 of the education  
29 law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such  
30 subdivision and shall be deemed to be repealed therewith;

31 (b) the amendments to subdivision 7 of section 6909 of the education  
32 law, made by section two of this act shall not affect the repeal of such  
33 subdivision and shall be deemed to be repealed therewith;

34 (c) the amendments to subdivision 22 of section 6802 of the education  
35 law made by section three of this act shall not affect the repeal of  
36 such subdivision and shall be deemed to be repealed therewith; and

37 (d) the amendments to section 6801 of the education law made by  
38 section four of this act shall not affect the expiration of such section  
39 and shall be deemed to expire therewith.

40 § 5. Section 5 of chapter 21 of the laws of 2011, amending the educa-  
41 tion law relating to authorizing pharmacists to perform collaborative  
42 drug therapy management with physicians in certain settings, as amended  
43 by chapter 238 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

44 § 5. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
45 it shall have become a law [~~and~~], provided, however, that the provisions  
46 of sections two, three, and four of this act shall expire [~~7 years after~~  
47 ~~such effective date when upon such date the provisions of this act~~  
48 ~~shall~~] and be deemed repealed July 1, 2020; provided, however, that the  
49 amendments to subdivision 1 of section 6801 of the education law made by  
50 section one of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion  
51 of such subdivision pursuant to section 8 of chapter 563 of the laws of  
52 2008, when upon such date the provisions of section one-a of this act  
53 shall take effect; provided, further, that effective immediately, the  
54 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary  
55 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized  
56 and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

1 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however the  
2 amendments to section 6801 of the education law made by section one of  
3 this act shall not effect the expiration of such section and shall be  
4 deemed to expire therewith; provided, further, that the amendments to  
5 subdivision 22 of section 6802 of the education law made by section two  
6 of this act shall not affect the expiration of such section and shall be  
7 deemed to expire therewith.

8

## PART EE

9 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 of section 367-a of the  
10 social services law, as amended by section 41 of part D of chapter 56 of  
11 the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

12 (e) Amounts payable under this title for medical assistance in the  
13 form of clinic services pursuant to article twenty-eight of the public  
14 health law [~~and~~], article sixteen of the mental hygiene law and inde-  
15 pendent practitioner services for individuals with developmental disa-  
16 bilities provided to eligible persons diagnosed with a developmental  
17 disability who are also beneficiaries under part B of title XVIII of the  
18 federal social security act, or provided to persons diagnosed with a  
19 developmental disability who are qualified medicare beneficiaries under  
20 part B of title XVIII of such act shall not be less than the approved  
21 medical assistance payment level less the amount payable under part B.

22 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

23

## PART FF

24 Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section  
25 33.27 to read as follows:

26 § 33.27 Independent substance use disorder and mental health ombudsman.

27 (a) There is hereby established the office of the independent  
28 substance use disorder and mental health ombudsman program that will be  
29 operated or selected by the office of alcoholism and substance abuse  
30 services, in consultation with the office of mental health for the  
31 purpose of assisting individuals with a substance use disorder and/or  
32 mental illness to ensure that they receive appropriate health insurance  
33 coverage.

34 (b) Such ombudsman will identify, investigate, refer and resolve  
35 complaints that are made by, or on behalf of, consumers relative to  
36 health insurance coverage and access to initial and continuing substance  
37 use disorder care and mental health care; accept, investigate, refer and  
38 help to resolve complaints that are made by treatment providers relative  
39 to health insurance coverage of and reimbursement for initial or contin-  
40 uing substance use disorder and mental health care; accept, investigate,  
41 refer and help to resolve complaints that are made by or on behalf of  
42 consumers or by providers relative to network adequacy for access to and  
43 continuing substance use disorder and mental health care.

44 (c) Notwithstanding sections one hundred twelve and one hundred  
45 sixty-three of the state finance law and section one hundred forty-two  
46 of the economic development law, or any other inconsistent provision of  
47 law, funds available for expenditure pursuant to this section for the  
48 establishment of an ombudsman for substance use disorder and mental  
49 health insurance coverage, may be allocated and distributed by the  
50 commissioner of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services,  
51 subject to the approval of the director of the budget, without a compet-  
52 itive bid or request for proposal process for the establishment of an

1 ombudsman for substance use disorder and mental health insurance cover-  
2 age. Provided, however, that such allocation or distribution must be  
3 based on objective criteria and an allocation methodology that is  
4 approved by the director of the budget.

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

7 PART GG

8 Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section  
9 19.18-b to read as follows:

10 § 19.18-b Certified peer recovery advocate services program.

11 1. For purposes of this subdivision "certified peer recovery advocate  
12 services" means participant-centered services that emphasize knowledge  
13 and wisdom through lived experience in which peers are encouraged to  
14 share their own personal experience and first-hand knowledge of  
15 substance abuse, addiction, and recovery to support the recovery goals  
16 of individuals who use drugs and/or alcohol.

17 2. The commissioner shall develop and administer a certification proc-  
18 ess and standards of training and competency for certified peer recovery  
19 advocate services.

20 3. Certified peer recovery advocate services may include but not be  
21 limited to:

- 22 (a) developing recovery plans;  
23 (b) raising awareness of existing social and other support services;  
24 (c) modeling coping skills;  
25 (d) assisting with applying for benefits;  
26 (e) accompanying clients to medical appointments;  
27 (f) providing non-clinical crisis support, especially after periods of  
28 hospitalization or incarceration;  
29 (g) accompanying clients to court appearances and other appointments;  
30 (h) working with participants to identify strengths;  
31 (i) linking participants to formal recovery supports, including, but  
32 not limited to, medication assisted treatment;  
33 (j) educating program participants about various modes of recovery,  
34 including, but not limited to, medication assisted treatment;  
35 (k) peer engagement coordination with hospital emergency services to  
36 assist any patient that has been administered an opioid antagonist by a  
37 medical provider to establish connections to treatment, including, but  
38 not limited to, medication assisted treatment and other supports after  
39 an opioid overdose reversal or after discharge from another substance  
40 abuse related emergency department visit; and  
41 (l) peer engagement coordination with law enforcement departments,  
42 fire departments and other first responder departments to assist any  
43 individual that has been administered an opioid antagonist by a first  
44 responder to establish connections to treatment, including, but not  
45 limited to, medication assisted treatment and other support services  
46 after an opioid overdose reversal.

47 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
48 effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule  
49 or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effec-  
50 tive date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or  
51 before such effective date.

52 PART HH

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2805-i of the public health law,  
2 as amended by chapter 504 of the laws of 1994 and paragraph (c) as  
3 amended by chapter 39 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 1. Every hospital providing treatment to alleged victims of a sexual  
6 offense shall be responsible for:

7 (a) maintaining sexual offense evidence and the chain of custody as  
8 provided in subdivision two of this section[~~7~~];

9 (b) contacting a rape crisis or victim assistance organization, if  
10 any, providing victim assistance to the geographic area served by that  
11 hospital to establish the coordination of non-medical services to sexual  
12 offense victims who request such coordination and services[~~7~~];

13 (c) offering and making available appropriate HIV post-exposure treat-  
14 ment therapies; including a seven day starter pack of HIV post-exposure  
15 prophylaxis, in cases where it has been determined, in accordance with  
16 guidelines issued by the commissioner, that a significant exposure to  
17 HIV has occurred, and informing the victim that payment assistance for  
18 such therapies may be available from the office of victim services  
19 pursuant to the provisions of article twenty-two of the executive law.  
20 With the consent of the victim of a sexual assault, the hospital emer-  
21 gency room department shall provide or arrange for an appointment for  
22 medical follow-up related to HIV post-exposure prophylaxis and other  
23 care as appropriate; and

24 (d) ensuring sexual assault survivors are not billed for sexual  
25 assault forensic exams and are notified orally and in writing of the  
26 option to decline to provide private health insurance information and  
27 have the office of victim services reimburse the hospital for the exam  
28 pursuant to subdivision thirteen of section six hundred thirty-one of  
29 the executive law.

30 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 2805-i of the public health law is  
31 REPEALED and a new subdivision 2 is added to read as follows:

32 2. Sexual offense evidence shall be collected and maintained as  
33 follows:

34 (a) All sexual offense evidence shall be kept in a locked, separate  
35 and secure area for twenty years from the date of collection; provided  
36 that such evidence shall be transferred to a new location(s) pursuant to  
37 this subdivision.

38 (b) Sexual offense evidence shall include, but not be limited to,  
39 slides, cotton swabs, clothing and other items. Where appropriate, such  
40 items shall be refrigerated and the clothes and swabs shall be dried,  
41 stored in paper bags, and labeled. Each item of evidence shall be  
42 marked and logged with a code number corresponding to the alleged sexual  
43 offense victim's medical record.

44 (c) Upon collection, the hospital shall notify the alleged sexual  
45 offense victim that, after twenty years, the sexual offense evidence  
46 will be discarded in compliance with state and local health codes and  
47 that the alleged sexual offense victim's clothes or personal effects  
48 will be returned to the alleged sexual offense victim at any time upon  
49 request. The alleged sexual offense victim shall be given the option of  
50 providing contact information for purposes of receiving notice of the  
51 planned destruction of such evidence after the expiration of the twenty-  
52 year period.

53 (d) Until April first, two thousand twenty-one, or earlier if deter-  
54 mined feasible by the director of budget pursuant to paragraph (g) of  
55 this subdivision, hospitals shall be responsible for securing long-term  
56 sexual offense evidence pursuant to this section, after which such stor-



1 age shall be the responsibility of the custodian(s) identified in the  
2 plan approved by the director of budget pursuant to paragraph (g) of  
3 this subdivision. Hospitals may enter into contracts with other entities  
4 that will ensure appropriate and secure long-term storage of sexual  
5 offense evidence pursuant to this section until April first, two thou-  
6 sand twenty-one.

7 (e) Beginning April first, two thousand eighteen, the department, the  
8 office of victim services, the division of criminal justice services and  
9 the division of state police shall jointly study, evaluate and make  
10 recommendations concerning the storage and monitoring of sexual offense  
11 evidence for twenty years, including studying options for the use of:  
12 state-owned or operated facilities; facilities owned or operated by  
13 local government or law enforcement agencies; and facilities owned or  
14 operated by private entities.

15 (f) On or before December first, two thousand nineteen, such agencies  
16 shall submit a joint plan to the director of budget, speaker of the  
17 assembly, and president pro tempore of the senate, which shall at a  
18 minimum include: recommended storage location(s) for sexual offense  
19 evidence; a schedule for sexual offense evidence held by hospitals  
20 pursuant to this section to be transferred to such storage location(s)  
21 by April first, two thousand twenty-one; and tracking, monitoring and  
22 notification option(s).

23 (g) On or before January first, two thousand twenty, the director of  
24 budget shall approve a plan that, at a minimum, establishes: storage  
25 location(s) for sexual offense evidence by no later than April first,  
26 two thousand twenty-one; a reasonable schedule for sexual offense  
27 evidence maintained by hospitals pursuant to this section to be trans-  
28 ferred to such storage location(s); and tracking, monitoring and notifi-  
29 cation system(s).

30 (h) Between thirty and ten days prior to the transfer of sexual  
31 offense evidence to the storage location(s) identified in the plan  
32 approved by the director of budget pursuant to paragraph (g) of this  
33 subdivision, hospitals shall make diligent efforts to notify the alleged  
34 sexual offense victim of the transfer of custody for the remainder of  
35 the twenty-year storage period.

36 (i) On April first, two thousand twenty-one, or earlier if determined  
37 feasible by the director of budget, responsibility for long-term storage  
38 of sexual offense evidence shall transfer to the custodian(s) identified  
39 in the plan approved by the director of budget pursuant to paragraph (g)  
40 of this subdivision.

41 (j) After April first, two thousand twenty-one, or earlier if deter-  
42 mined feasible by the director of budget, hospitals shall ensure trans-  
43 fer of sexual offense evidence collected pursuant to this section to the  
44 custodian(s) identified in the plan approved by the director of budget  
45 pursuant to paragraph (g) of this subdivision within ten days of  
46 collection of such evidence, while maintaining chain of custody.

47 (k) At least ninety days prior to the expiration of the twenty-year  
48 storage period for any sexual offense evidence, the custodian(s) of the  
49 sexual offense evidence shall make diligent efforts to contact the  
50 alleged sexual offense victim to notify the alleged sexual offense  
51 victim that the sexual offense evidence will be discarded in compliance  
52 with state and local health codes and that the alleged sexual offense  
53 victim's clothes and personal effects will be returned to the alleged  
54 sexual offense victim upon request.

55 (l) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, sexual  
56 offense evidence shall not continue to be stored where: (i) such

1 evidence is not privileged and law enforcement requests its release, in  
2 which case the custodian(s) shall comply with such request; or (ii) such  
3 evidence is privileged and either (A) the alleged sexual offense victim  
4 gives permission to release the evidence to law enforcement, or (B) the  
5 alleged sexual offense victim signs a statement directing the  
6 custodian(s) to dispose of the evidence, in which case the sexual  
7 offense evidence will be discarded in compliance with state and local  
8 health codes.

9 § 3. Subdivision 13 of section 631 of the executive law, as amended by  
10 chapter 39 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

11 13. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or regulation to  
12 the contrary, when any New York state accredited hospital, accredited  
13 sexual assault examiner program, or licensed health care provider  
14 furnishes services to any sexual assault survivor, including but not  
15 limited to a health care forensic examination in accordance with the sex  
16 offense evidence collection protocol and standards established by the  
17 department of health, such hospital, sexual assault examiner program, or  
18 licensed healthcare provider shall provide such services to the person  
19 without charge and shall bill the office directly. The office, in  
20 consultation with the department of health, shall define the specific  
21 services to be covered by the sexual assault forensic exam reimbursement  
22 fee, which must include at a minimum forensic examiner services, hospi-  
23 tal or healthcare facility services related to the exam, and related  
24 laboratory tests and necessary pharmaceuticals; including but not limit-  
25 ed to HIV post-exposure prophylaxis provided by a hospital emergency  
26 room at the time of the forensic rape examination pursuant to paragraph  
27 (c) of subdivision one of section twenty-eight hundred five-i of the  
28 public health law. Follow-up HIV post-exposure prophylaxis costs shall  
29 continue to be reimbursed according to established office procedure. The  
30 office, in consultation with the department of health, shall also gener-  
31 ate the necessary regulations and forms for the direct reimbursement  
32 procedure. The rate for reimbursement shall be the amount of itemized  
33 charges not exceeding eight hundred dollars, to be reviewed and adjusted  
34 annually by the office in consultation with the department of health.  
35 The hospital, sexual assault examiner program, or licensed health care  
36 provider must accept this fee as payment in full for these specified  
37 services. No additional billing of the survivor for said services is  
38 permissible. A sexual assault survivor may voluntarily assign any  
39 private insurance benefits to which she or he is entitled for the  
40 healthcare forensic examination, in which case the hospital or health-  
41 care provider may not charge the office; provided, however, in the event  
42 the sexual assault survivor assigns any private health insurance bene-  
43 fit, such coverage shall not be subject to annual deductibles or coinsu-  
44 rance or balance billing by the hospital, sexual assault examiner  
45 program or licensed health care provider. A hospital, sexual assault  
46 examiner program or licensed health care provider shall, at the time of  
47 the initial visit, request assignment of any private health insurance  
48 benefits to which the sexual assault survivor is entitled on a form  
49 prescribed by the office; provided, however, such sexual assault survi-  
50 vor shall be advised orally and in writing that he or she may decline to  
51 provide such information regarding private health insurance benefits if  
52 he or she believes that the provision of such information would substan-  
53 tially interfere with his or her personal privacy or safety and in such  
54 event, the sexual assault forensic exam fee shall be paid by the office.  
55 Such sexual assault survivor shall also be advised that providing such  
56 information may provide additional resources to pay for services to

1 other sexual assault victims. If he or she declines to provide such  
 2 health insurance information, he or she shall indicate such decision on  
 3 the form provided by the hospital, sexual assault examiner program or  
 4 licensed health care provider, which form shall be prescribed by the  
 5 office.

6 § 4. Subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law is amended by  
 7 adding a new paragraph 34 to read as follows:

8 (34) Health care forensic examinations performed pursuant to section  
 9 twenty-eight hundred five-i of the public health law covered under the  
 10 policy shall not be subject to annual deductibles or coinsurance.

11 § 5. Subsection (l) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by  
 12 adding a new paragraph 20 to read as follows:

13 (20) Health care forensic examinations performed pursuant to section  
 14 twenty-eight hundred five-i of the public health law covered under the  
 15 policy shall not be subject to annual deductibles or coinsurance.

16 § 6. Section 4303 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new  
 17 subsection (rr) to read as follows:

18 (rr) Health care forensic examinations performed pursuant to section  
 19 twenty-eight hundred five-i of the public health law covered under the  
 20 contract shall not be subject to annual deductibles or coinsurance.

21 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall apply to all  
 22 policies and contracts issued, renewed, modified, altered or amended on  
 23 or after the first of January next succeeding such effective date.

24 PART II

25 Section 1. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (d) of section 13.17 of the  
 26 mental hygiene law, as added by section 1 of part Q of chapter 59 of the  
 27 laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

28 1. provide appropriate and timely notification to the temporary presi-  
 29 dent of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly, and to appropriate  
 30 representatives of impacted labor organizations. Such notification to  
 31 the representatives of impacted labor organizations shall be made as  
 32 soon as practicable, but no less than [~~forty-five~~] ninety days prior to  
 33 such closure or transfer except in the case of exigent circumstances  
 34 impacting the health, safety, or welfare of the residents of the IRA as  
 35 determined by the office. Provided, however, that nothing herein shall  
 36 limit the ability of the office to effectuate such closure or transfer;  
 37 and

38 § 2. Section 2 of part Q of chapter 59 of the laws of 2016, amending  
 39 the mental hygiene law relating to the closure or transfer of a state-  
 40 operated individualized residential alternative, is amended to read as  
 41 follows:

42 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
 43 deemed repealed March 31, [~~2018~~] 2020.

44 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that  
 45 the amendments to subdivision (d) of section 13.17 of the mental hygiene  
 46 law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such  
 47 subdivision and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

48 PART JJ

49 Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section  
 50 13.43 to read as follows:

51 § 13.43 First responder training.

1 (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of health,  
2 the office of fire prevention and control, the municipal police training  
3 council, and the superintendent of state police, shall develop a train-  
4 ing program and associated training materials, to provide instruction  
5 and information to firefighters, police officers and emergency medical  
6 services personnel on appropriate recognition and response techniques  
7 for handling emergency situations involving individuals with autism  
8 spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities. The training  
9 program and associated training materials shall include any other infor-  
10 mation deemed necessary and appropriate by the commissioner.

11 (b) Such training shall address appropriate response techniques for  
12 dealing with both adults and minors with autism spectrum disorder and  
13 other developmental disabilities.

14 (c) Such training program may be developed as an online program.

15 § 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3054 to  
16 read as follows:

17 § 3054. Emergency situations involving individuals with autism spec-  
18 trum disorder and other developmental disabilities. In coordination with  
19 the commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabili-  
20 ties, the commissioner shall provide the training program relating to  
21 handling emergency situations involving individuals with autism spectrum  
22 disorder and other developmental disabilities and associated training  
23 materials pursuant to section 13.43 of the mental hygiene law to all  
24 emergency medical services personnel including, but not limited to,  
25 first responders, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency  
26 medical technicians and emergency vehicle operators.

27 § 3. Section 156 of the executive law is amended by adding a new  
28 subdivision 22 to read as follows:

29 22. In coordination with the commissioner of the office for people  
30 with developmental disabilities, provide the training program relating  
31 to handling emergency situations involving individuals with autism spec-  
32 trum disorder and other developmental disabilities and associated train-  
33 ing materials pursuant to section 13.43 of the mental hygiene law to all  
34 firefighters, both paid and volunteer. The office shall adopt all  
35 necessary rules and regulations relating to such training, including the  
36 process by which training hours are allocated to counties as well as a  
37 uniform procedure for requesting and providing additional training  
38 hours.

39 § 4. Section 840 of the executive law is amended by adding a new  
40 subdivision 5 to read as follows:

41 5. The council shall, in addition:

42 (a) Develop, maintain and disseminate, in consultation with the  
43 commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities,  
44 written policies and procedures consistent with section 13.43 of the  
45 mental hygiene law, regarding the handling of emergency situations  
46 involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other develop-  
47 mental disabilities. Such policies and procedures shall make provisions  
48 for the education and training of new and veteran police officers on the  
49 handling of emergency situations involving individuals with autism spec-  
50 trum disorder and other developmental disabilities; and

51 (b) Recommend to the governor, rules and regulations with respect to  
52 the establishment and implementation on an ongoing basis of a training  
53 program for all current and new police officers regarding the policies  
54 and procedures established pursuant to this subdivision, along with  
55 recommendations for periodic retraining of police officers.

1 § 5. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 214-f to  
2 read as follows:

3 § 214-f. Emergency situations involving people with autism spectrum  
4 disorder and other developmental disabilities. The superintendent shall,  
5 for all members of the state police:

6 1. Develop, maintain and disseminate, in consultation with the commis-  
7 sioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities, written  
8 policies and procedures consistent with section 13.43 of the mental  
9 hygiene law, regarding the handling of emergency situations involving  
10 individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disa-  
11 bilities. Such policies and procedures shall make provisions for the  
12 education and training of new and veteran police officers on the handl-  
13 ing of emergency situations involving individuals with developmental  
14 disabilities; and

15 2. Recommend to the governor, rules and regulations with respect to  
16 establishment and implementation on an ongoing basis of a training  
17 program for all current and new police officers regarding the policies  
18 and procedures established pursuant to this subdivision, along with  
19 recommendations for periodic retraining of police officers.

20 § 6. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
21 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the commissioner of  
22 the office for people with developmental disabilities may promulgate any  
23 rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this act on or  
24 before such effective date.

25 PART KK

26 Section 1. This Part enacts into law major components of legislation  
27 which are necessary to combat sexual harassment in the workplace. Each  
28 component is wholly contained within a Subpart identified as Subparts A  
29 through F. The effective date for each particular provision contained  
30 within such Subpart is set forth in the last section of such Subpart.  
31 Any provision in any section contained within a Subpart, including the  
32 effective date of the Subpart, which makes a reference to a section "of  
33 this act," when used in connection with that particular component, shall  
34 be deemed to mean and refer to the corresponding section of the Subpart  
35 in which it is found. Section three of this Part sets forth the general  
36 effective date of the Part.

37 SUBPART A

38 Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section  
39 139-1 to read as follows:

40 § 139-1. Statement on sexual harassment, in bids. 1. (a) Every bid  
41 hereafter made to the state or any public department or agency thereof,  
42 where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule or regulation,  
43 for work or services performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be  
44 sold, shall contain the following statement subscribed by the bidder and  
45 affirmed by such bidder as true under the penalty of perjury:  
46 "By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on  
47 behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each  
48 party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of  
49 perjury, that the bidder has and has implemented a written policy  
50 addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and provides  
51 annual sexual harassment prevention training to all of its employees.



1 Such policy shall, at a minimum, meet the requirements of section two  
2 hundred one-g of the labor law."

3 (b) Every bid hereafter made to the state or any public department or  
4 agency thereof, where competitive bidding is not required by statute,  
5 rule or regulation, for work or services performed or to be performed or  
6 goods sold or to be sold, may contain, at the discretion of the depart-  
7 ment, agency or official, the certification required pursuant to para-  
8 graph (a) of this subdivision.

9 2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the statement required by paragraph  
10 (a) of subdivision one of this section may be submitted electronically  
11 in accordance with the provisions of subdivision seven of section one  
12 hundred sixty-three of this chapter.

13 3. A bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made  
14 to a bidder who has not complied with subdivision one of this section;  
15 provided, however, that if the bidder cannot make the foregoing certif-  
16 ication, such bidder shall so state and shall furnish with the bid a  
17 signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons therefor.

18 4. Any bid hereafter made to the state or any public department, agen-  
19 cy or official thereof, by a corporate bidder for work or services  
20 performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be sold, where such bid  
21 contains the statement required by subdivision one of this section,  
22 shall be deemed to have been authorized by the board of directors of  
23 such bidder, and such authorization shall be deemed to include the sign-  
24 ing and submission of such bid and the inclusion therein of such state-  
25 ment as the act and deed of the corporation.

26 § 2. Subdivision 7 of section 163 of the state finance law, as amended  
27 by section 10 of part L of chapter 55 of the laws of 2012, is amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 7. Method of procurement. Consistent with the requirements of subdivi-  
30 sions three and four of this section, state agencies shall select among  
31 permissible methods of procurement including, but not limited to, an  
32 invitation for bid, request for proposals or other means of solicitation  
33 pursuant to guidelines issued by the state procurement council. State  
34 agencies may accept bids electronically including submission of the  
35 statement of non-collusion required by section one hundred thirty-nine-d  
36 of this chapter, and the statement of certification required by section  
37 one hundred thirty-nine-1 of this chapter, and, starting April first,  
38 two thousand twelve, and ending March thirty-first, two thousand  
39 fifteen, may, for commodity, service and technology contracts require  
40 electronic submission as the sole method for the submission of bids for  
41 the solicitation. State agencies shall undertake no more than eighty-  
42 five such electronic bid solicitations, none of which shall be reverse  
43 auctions, prior to April first, two thousand fifteen. In addition, state  
44 agencies may conduct up to twenty reverse auctions through electronic  
45 means, prior to April first, two thousand fifteen. Prior to requiring  
46 the electronic submission of bids, the agency shall make a determi-  
47 nation, which shall be documented in the procurement record, that elec-  
48 tronic submission affords a fair and equal opportunity for offerers to  
49 submit responsive offers. Within thirty days of the completion of the  
50 eighty-fifth electronic bid solicitation, or by April first, two thou-  
51 sand fifteen, whichever is earlier, the commissioner shall prepare a  
52 report assessing the use of electronic submissions and make recommenda-  
53 tions regarding future use of this procurement method. In addition,  
54 within thirty days of the completion of the twentieth reverse auction  
55 through electronic means, or by April first, two thousand fifteen,  
56 whichever is earlier, the commissioner shall prepare a report assessing

1 the use of reverse auctions through electronic means and make recommen-  
2 dations regarding future use of this procurement method. Such reports  
3 shall be published on the website of the office of general services.  
4 Except where otherwise provided by law, procurements shall be compet-  
5 itive, and state agencies shall conduct formal competitive procurements  
6 to the maximum extent practicable. State agencies shall document the  
7 determination of the method of procurement and the basis of award in the  
8 procurement record. Where the basis for award is the best value offer,  
9 the state agency shall document, in the procurement record and in  
10 advance of the initial receipt of offers, the determination of the eval-  
11 uation criteria, which whenever possible, shall be quantifiable, and the  
12 process to be used in the determination of best value and the manner in  
13 which the evaluation process and selection shall be conducted.

14 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
15 ing the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however,  
16 that the amendments to subdivision 7 of section 163 of the state finance  
17 law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such  
18 section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

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## SUBPART B

20 Section 1. The civil practice law and rules are amended by adding a  
21 new section 7515 to read as follows:

22 § 7515. Mandatory arbitration clauses; prohibited. (a) Definitions. As  
23 used in this section:

24 1. The term "employer" shall have the same meaning as provided in  
25 subdivision five of section two hundred ninety-two of the executive law.

26 2. The term "prohibited clause" shall mean any clause or provision in  
27 any contract which requires as a condition of the enforcement of the  
28 contract or obtaining remedies under the contract that the parties  
29 submit to mandatory arbitration to resolve any allegation or claim of an  
30 unlawful discriminatory practice of sexual harassment.

31 3. The term "mandatory arbitration clause" shall mean a term or  
32 provision contained in a written contract which requires the parties to  
33 such contract to submit any matter thereafter arising under such  
34 contract to arbitration prior to the commencement of any legal action to  
35 enforce the provisions of such contract and which also further provides  
36 language to the effect that the facts found or determination made by the  
37 arbitrator or panel of arbitrators in its application to a party alleg-  
38 ing an unlawful discriminatory practice based on sexual harassment shall  
39 be final and not subject to independent court review.

40 4. The term "arbitration" shall mean the use of a decision making  
41 forum conducted by an arbitrator or panel of arbitrators within the  
42 meaning and subject to the provisions of article seventy-five of the  
43 civil practice law and rules.

44 (b) (i) Prohibition. Except where inconsistent with federal law, no  
45 written contract, entered into on or after the effective date of this  
46 section shall contain a prohibited clause as defined in paragraph two of  
47 subdivision (a) of this section.

48 (ii) Exceptions. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed  
49 to impair or prohibit an employer from incorporating a non-prohibited  
50 clause or other mandatory arbitration provision within such contract,  
51 that the parties agree upon.

52 (iii) Mandatory arbitration clause null and void. Except where incon-  
53 sistent with federal law, the provisions of such prohibited clause as  
54 defined in paragraph two of subdivision (a) of this section shall be

1 null and void. The inclusion of such clause in a written contract shall  
2 not serve to impair the enforceability of any other provision of such  
3 contract.

4 (c) Where there is a conflict between any collective bargaining agree-  
5 ment and this section, such agreement shall be controlling.

6 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
7 have become a law.

8 SUBPART C

9 Section 1. The public officers law is amended by adding a new section  
10 17-a to read as follows:

11 § 17-a. Reimbursement of funds paid by state agencies and state enti-  
12 ties for the payment of awards adjudicated in sexual harassment claims.

13 1. As used in this section, the term "employee" shall mean any person  
14 holding a position by election, appointment, or employment in the  
15 service of the state of New York, whether or not compensated. The term  
16 "employee" shall include a former employee or judicially appointed  
17 personal representative.

18 2. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any employee who has been  
19 subject to a final judgment of personal liability for intentional wrong-  
20 doing related to a claim of sexual harassment, shall reimburse any state  
21 agency or entity that makes a payment to a plaintiff for an adjudicated  
22 award based on a claim of sexual harassment resulting in a judgment, for  
23 his or her proportionate share of such judgment. Such employee shall  
24 personally reimburse such state agency or entity within ninety days of  
25 the state agency or entity's payment of such award.

26 3. If such employee fails to reimburse such state agency or entity  
27 pursuant to subdivision two of this section within ninety days from the  
28 date such state agency or entity makes a payment for the financial  
29 award, the comptroller shall, upon obtaining a money judgment, withhold  
30 from such employee's compensation the amounts allowable pursuant to  
31 section fifty-two hundred thirty-one of the civil practice law and  
32 rules.

33 4. If such employee is no longer employed by such state agency or  
34 entity such state agency or entity shall have the right to receive  
35 reimbursement through the enforcement of a money judgment pursuant to  
36 article fifty-two of the civil practice law and rules.

37 § 2. The public officers law is amended by adding a new section 18-a  
38 to read as follows:

39 § 18-a. Reimbursement of funds paid by a public entity for the payment  
40 of awards adjudicated in sexual harassment claims. 1. As used in this  
41 section:

42 (a) The term "public entity" shall mean (i) a county, city, town,  
43 village or any other political subdivision or civil division of the  
44 state; (ii) a school district, board of cooperative educational  
45 services, or any other governmental entity or combination or association  
46 of governmental entities operating a public school, college, community  
47 college or university; (iii) a public improvement or special district;  
48 (iv) a public authority, commission, agency or public benefit corpo-  
49 ration; or (v) any other separate corporate instrumentality or unit of  
50 government; but shall not include the state of New York or any other  
51 public entity the employees of which are covered by section seventeen-a  
52 of this article.

53 (b) The term "employee" shall mean any commissioner, member of a  
54 public board or commission, trustee, director, officer, employee, or any

1 other person holding a position by election, appointment or employment  
2 in the service of a public entity, whether or not compensated. The term  
3 "employee" shall include a former employee or judicially appointed  
4 personal representative.

5 2. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any employee who has been  
6 subject to a final judgment of personal liability for intentional wrong-  
7 doing related to a claim of sexual harassment, shall reimburse any  
8 public entity that makes a payment to a plaintiff for an adjudicated  
9 award based on a claim of sexual harassment resulting in a judgment, for  
10 his or her proportionate share of such judgment. Such employee shall  
11 personally reimburse such public entity within ninety days of the public  
12 entity's payment of such award.

13 3. If such employee fails to reimburse such public entity pursuant to  
14 subdivision two of this section within ninety days from the date such  
15 public entity makes a payment for the financial award, the chief fiscal  
16 officer of such public entity shall, upon obtaining a money judgment,  
17 withhold from such employee's compensation the amounts allowable pursu-  
18 ant to section fifty-two hundred thirty-one of the civil practice law  
19 and rules.

20 4. If such employee is no longer employed by such public entity, such  
21 public entity shall have the right to receive reimbursement through the  
22 enforcement of a money judgment pursuant to article fifty-two of the  
23 civil practice law and rules.

24 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

25 SUBPART D

26 Section 1. The general obligations law is amended by adding a new  
27 section 5-336 to read as follows:

28 § 5-336. Nondisclosure agreements. Notwithstanding any other law to  
29 the contrary, no employer, its officers or employees shall have the  
30 authority to include or agree to include in any settlement, agreement or  
31 other resolution of any claim, the factual foundation for which involves  
32 sexual harassment, any term or condition that would prevent the disclo-  
33 sure of the underlying facts and circumstances to the claim or action  
34 unless the condition of confidentiality is the complainant's preference.  
35 Any such term or condition must be provided to all parties, and the  
36 complainant shall have twenty-one days to consider such term or condi-  
37 tion. If after twenty-one days such term or condition is the  
38 complainant's preference, such preference shall be memorialized in an  
39 agreement signed by all parties. For a period of at least seven days  
40 following the execution of such agreement, the complainant may revoke  
41 the agreement, and the agreement shall not become effective or be  
42 enforceable until such revocation period has expired.

43 § 2. The civil practice law and rules is amended by adding a new  
44 section 5003-b to read as follows:

45 § 5003-b. Nondisclosure agreements. Notwithstanding any other law to  
46 the contrary, for any claim or cause of action, whether arising under  
47 common law, equity, or any provision of law, the factual foundation for  
48 which involves sexual harassment, in resolving, by agreed judgment,  
49 stipulation, decree, agreement to settle, assurance of discontinuance or  
50 otherwise, no employer, its officer or employee shall have the authority  
51 to include or agree to include in such resolution any term or condition  
52 that would prevent the disclosure of the underlying facts and circum-  
53 stances to the claim or action unless the condition of confidentiality  
54 is the plaintiff's preference. Any such term or condition must be

1 provided to all parties, and the plaintiff shall have twenty-one days to  
2 consider such term or condition. If after twenty-one days such term or  
3 condition is the plaintiff's preference, such preference shall be memo-  
4 rialized in an agreement signed by all parties. For a period of at least  
5 seven days following the execution of such agreement, the plaintiff may  
6 revoke the agreement, and the agreement shall not become effective or be  
7 enforceable until such revocation period has expired.

8 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
9 have become a law.

10 SUBPART E

11 Section 1. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 201-g to  
12 read as follows:

13 § 201-g. Prevention of sexual harassment. 1. The department shall  
14 consult with the division of human rights to create and publish a model  
15 sexual harassment prevention guidance document and sexual harassment  
16 prevention policy that employers may utilize in their adoption of a  
17 sexual harassment prevention policy required by this section.

18 a. Such model sexual harassment prevention policy shall: (i) prohibit  
19 sexual harassment consistent with guidance issued by the department in  
20 consultation with the division of human rights and provide examples of  
21 prohibited conduct that would constitute unlawful sexual harassment;  
22 (ii) include but not be limited to information concerning the federal  
23 and state statutory provisions concerning sexual harassment and remedies  
24 available to victims of sexual harassment and a statement that there may  
25 be applicable local laws; (iii) include a standard complaint form; (iv)  
26 include a procedure for the timely and confidential investigation of  
27 complaints and ensure due process for all parties; (v) inform employees  
28 of their rights of redress and all available forums for adjudicating  
29 sexual harassment complaints administratively and judicially; (vi)  
30 clearly state that sexual harassment is considered a form of employee  
31 misconduct and that sanctions will be enforced against individuals  
32 engaging in sexual harassment and against supervisory and managerial  
33 personnel who knowingly allow such behavior to continue; and (vii)  
34 clearly state that retaliation against individuals who complain of sexu-  
35 al harassment or who testify or assist in any proceeding under the law  
36 is unlawful.

37 b. Every employer shall adopt the model sexual harassment prevention  
38 policy promulgated pursuant to this subdivision or establish a sexual  
39 harassment prevention policy to prevent sexual harassment that equals or  
40 exceeds the minimum standards provided by such model sexual harassment  
41 prevention policy. Such sexual harassment prevention policy shall be  
42 provided to all employees in writing. Such model sexual harassment  
43 prevention policy shall be publicly available and posted on the websites  
44 of both the department and the division of human rights.

45 2. The department shall consult with the division of human rights and  
46 produce a model sexual harassment prevention training program to prevent  
47 sexual harassment in the workplace.

48 a. Such model sexual harassment prevention training program shall be  
49 interactive and include: (i) an explanation of sexual harassment  
50 consistent with guidance issued by the department in consultation with  
51 the division of human rights; (ii) examples of conduct that would  
52 constitute unlawful sexual harassment; (iii) information concerning the  
53 federal and state statutory provisions concerning sexual harassment and  
54 remedies available to victims of sexual harassment; and (iv) information



1 concerning employees' rights of redress and all available forums for  
2 adjudicating complaints.

3 b. The department shall include information in such model sexual  
4 harassment prevention training program addressing conduct by supervisors  
5 and any additional responsibilities for such supervisors.

6 c. Every employer shall utilize the model sexual harassment prevention  
7 training program pursuant to this subdivision or establish a training  
8 program for employees to prevent sexual harassment that equals or  
9 exceeds the minimum standards provided by such model training. Such  
10 sexual harassment prevention training shall be provided to all employees  
11 on an annual basis.

12 3. The commissioner may promulgate regulations as he or she deems  
13 necessary for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this  
14 section.

15 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
16 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the department of  
17 labor, in consultation with the division of human rights, is authorized  
18 to create the model sexual harassment prevention policy and the model  
19 sexual harassment prevention training program required to be created and  
20 published pursuant to section 201-g of the labor law as added by section  
21 one of this act.

22 SUBPART F

23 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 296-d  
24 to read as follows:

25 § 296-d. Sexual harassment relating to non-employees. It shall be an  
26 unlawful discriminatory practice for an employer to permit sexual  
27 harassment of non-employees in its workplace. An employer may be held  
28 liable to a non-employee who is a contractor, subcontractor, vendor,  
29 consultant or other person providing services pursuant to a contract in  
30 the workplace or who is an employee of such contractor, subcontractor,  
31 vendor, consultant or other person providing services pursuant to a  
32 contract in the workplace, with respect to sexual harassment, when the  
33 employer, its agents or supervisors knew or should have known that such  
34 non-employee was subjected to sexual harassment in the employer's work-  
35 place, and the employer failed to take immediate and appropriate correc-  
36 tive action. In reviewing such cases involving non-employees, the extent  
37 of the employer's control and any other legal responsibility which the  
38 employer may have with respect to the conduct of the harasser shall be  
39 considered.

40 § 2. Subdivision 4 of section 292 of the executive law, as amended by  
41 chapter 97 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

42 4. The term "unlawful discriminatory practice" includes only those  
43 practices specified in sections two hundred ninety-six, two hundred  
44 ninety-six-a [~~and~~], two hundred ninety-six-c and two hundred  
45 ninety-six-d of this article.

46 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

47 § 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-  
48 sion, section or subpart of this act shall be adjudged by any court of  
49 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,  
50 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in  
51 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section  
52 or subject thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such  
53 judgment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the

1 intent of the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if  
2 such invalid provisions had not been included herein.

3 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
4 the applicable effective dates of Subparts A through F of this Part  
5 shall be as specifically set forth in the last section of such Subparts.

6 PART LL

7 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
8 1114-a to read as follows:

9 § 1114-a. Voluntary public water system consolidation study. 1. There  
10 shall be established in the department, by the commissioner, a voluntary  
11 public water system consolidation study designed to evaluate the feasi-  
12 bility of the joining of public water systems in order to improve water  
13 quality. Such study shall include:

14 (a) the feasibility of joining of two or more public water systems to  
15 form one water system;

16 (b) the feasibility of the consolidation of one or more public water  
17 systems into a larger public water system;

18 (c) the appropriate technical, managerial and financial capacity  
19 necessary for consolidation, including state funding mechanisms and  
20 incentives that could be utilized;

21 (d) potential public health impacts of consolidation, including abili-  
22 ty to meet legally required water quality standards and the impact on  
23 monitoring, reporting and enforcement of drinking water standards;

24 (e) appropriate and sufficient guidance from the department necessary  
25 for those public water systems interested in consolidation; and

26 (f) recommendations for public water systems interested in voluntary  
27 consolidation.

28 2. The department shall prepare and submit a report and supporting  
29 materials to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the  
30 speaker of the assembly setting forth the information gathered and  
31 recommendations to the legislature by January first of the following  
32 year.

33 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

34 PART MM

35 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
36 280-c to read as follows:

37 § 280-c. Pharmacy audits by pharmacy benefit managers. 1. Defi-  
38 nitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the  
39 following meanings:

40 (a) "Pharmacy benefit manager" shall have the same meaning as in  
41 section two hundred eighty-a of this article.

42 (b) "Pharmacy" shall mean a pharmacy that has contracted with a phar-  
43 macy benefit manager for the provision of pharmacy services.

44 2. When conducting an audit of a pharmacy's records, a pharmacy bene-  
45 fit manager shall:

46 (a) not conduct an on-site audit of a pharmacy at any time during the  
47 first three calendar days of a month;

48 (b) notify the pharmacy or its contracting agent no later than fifteen  
49 days before the date of initial on-site audit. Such notification to the  
50 pharmacy or its contracting agent shall be in writing delivered either  
51 (i) by mail or common carrier, return receipt requested, or (ii) elec-  
52 tronically with electronic receipt confirmation, addressed to the super-

1 vising pharmacist of record and pharmacy corporate office where applica-  
2 ble, at least fifteen days before the date of an initial on-site audit;

3 (c) limit the audit period to twenty-four months after the date a  
4 claim is submitted to or adjudicated by the pharmacy benefit manager;

5 (d) include in the written advance notice of an on-site audit the list  
6 of specific prescription numbers to be included in the audit that may or  
7 may not include the final two digits of the prescription numbers;

8 (e) use the written and verifiable records of a hospital, physician or  
9 other authorized practitioner, which are transmitted by any means of  
10 communication, to validate the pharmacy records in accordance with state  
11 and federal law;

12 (f) limit the number of prescriptions audited to no more than one  
13 hundred randomly selected in a twelve-month period, except in cases of  
14 fraud;

15 (g) provide the pharmacy or its contracting agent with a copy of the  
16 preliminary audit report within forty-five days after the conclusion of  
17 the audit;

18 (h) be allowed to conduct a follow-up audit on-site if a remote or  
19 desk audit reveals the necessity for a review of additional claims;

20 (i) in the case of invoice audits, accept as validation invoices from  
21 any wholesaler registered with the department of education from which  
22 the pharmacy has purchased prescription drugs or, in the case of durable  
23 medical equipment or sickroom supplies, invoices from an authorized  
24 distributor other than a wholesaler;

25 (j) provide the pharmacy or its contracting agent with the ability to  
26 provide documentation to address a discrepancy or audit finding,  
27 provided that such documentation must be received by the pharmacy bene-  
28 fit manager no later than the forty-fifth day after the preliminary  
29 audit report was provided to the pharmacy or its contracting agent. The  
30 pharmacy benefit manager shall consider a reasonable request from the  
31 pharmacy for an extension of time to submit documentation to address or  
32 correct any findings in the report; and

33 (k) provide the pharmacy or its contracting agent with the final audit  
34 report no later than sixty days after the initial audit report was  
35 provided to the pharmacy or its contracting agent.

36 3. Any claim that was retroactively denied for a clerical error, typo-  
37 graphical error, scrivener's error or computer error shall be paid if  
38 the prescription was properly and correctly dispensed, unless a pattern  
39 of such errors exists, fraudulent billing is alleged or the error  
40 results in actual financial loss to the entity. A clerical error is an  
41 error that does not result in actual financial harm to the covered enti-  
42 ty or consumer and does not include the dispensing of an incorrect dose,  
43 amount or type of medication or dispensing a prescription drug to the  
44 wrong person.

45 4. This section shall not apply to:

46 (a) audits in which suspected fraudulent activity or other intentional  
47 or willful misrepresentation is evidenced by a physical review, review  
48 of claims data or statements, or other investigative methods; or

49 (b) audits of claims paid for by federally funded programs; or

50 (c) concurrent reviews or desk audits that occur within three business  
51 days of transmission of a claim and where no chargeback or recoupment is  
52 demanded.

53 § 2. Section 280-a of the public health law is amended by adding two  
54 new subdivisions 3 and 4 to read as follows:

55 3. No pharmacy benefit manager shall, with respect to contracts  
56 between such pharmacy benefit manager and a pharmacy or, alternatively,

1 such pharmacy benefit manager and a pharmacy's contracting agent, such  
2 as a pharmacy services administrative organization:

3 (a) prohibit or penalize a pharmacist or pharmacy from disclosing to  
4 an individual purchasing a prescription medication information regard-  
5 ing:

6 (1) the cost of the prescription medication to the individual, or  
7 (2) the availability of any therapeutically equivalent alternative  
8 medications or alternative methods of purchasing the prescription medi-  
9 cation, including but not limited to, paying a cash price; or

10 (b) charge or collect from an individual a copayment that exceeds the  
11 total submitted charges by the pharmacy for which the pharmacy is paid.  
12 If an individual pays a copayment, the pharmacy shall retain the adjudi-  
13 cated costs and the pharmacy benefit manager shall not redact or recoup  
14 the adjudicated cost.

15 4. Any provision of a contract that violates the provisions of this  
16 section shall be deemed to be void and unenforceable.

17 § 3. Paragraph 31 of subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance  
18 law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (E) to read as follows:

19 (E) This subparagraph shall apply to facilities in this state certi-  
20 fied by the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services for the  
21 provision of outpatient, intensive outpatient, outpatient rehabilitation  
22 and opioid treatment that are participating in the insurer's provider  
23 network. Coverage provided under this paragraph shall not be subject to  
24 preauthorization. Coverage provided under this paragraph shall not be  
25 subject to concurrent review for the first two weeks of continuous  
26 treatment, not to exceed fourteen visits, provided the facility notifies  
27 the insurer of both the start of treatment and the initial treatment  
28 plan within forty-eight hours. The facility shall perform clinical  
29 assessment of the patient at each visit, including the periodic consul-  
30 tation with the insurer to ensure that the facility is using the  
31 evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical review tool utilized by the  
32 insurer which is designated by the office of alcoholism and substance  
33 abuse services and appropriate to the age of the patient, to ensure that  
34 the outpatient treatment is medically necessary for the patient. Any  
35 utilization review of the treatment provided under this subparagraph may  
36 include a review of all services provided during such outpatient treat-  
37 ment, including all services provided during the first two weeks of  
38 continuous treatment, not to exceed fourteen visits, of such outpatient  
39 treatment. Provided, however, the insurer shall only deny coverage for  
40 any portion of the initial two weeks of continuous treatment, not to  
41 exceed fourteen visits, for outpatient treatment on the basis that such  
42 treatment was not medically necessary if such outpatient treatment was  
43 contrary to the evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical review tool  
44 utilized by the insurer which is designated by the office of alcoholism  
45 and substance abuse services. An insured shall not have any financial  
46 obligation to the facility for any treatment under this subparagraph  
47 other than any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible otherwise required  
48 under the policy.

49 § 4. Paragraph 7 of subsection (1) of section 3221 of the insurance  
50 law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (E) to read as follows:

51 (E) This subparagraph shall apply to facilities in this state certi-  
52 fied by the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services for the  
53 provision of outpatient, intensive outpatient, outpatient rehabilitation  
54 and opioid treatment that are participating in the insurer's provider  
55 network. Coverage provided under this paragraph shall not be subject to  
56 preauthorization. Coverage provided under this paragraph shall not be

1 subject to concurrent review for the first two weeks of continuous  
2 treatment, not to exceed fourteen visits, provided the facility notifies  
3 the insurer of both the start of treatment and the initial treatment  
4 plan within forty-eight hours. The facility shall perform clinical  
5 assessment of the patient at each visit, including the periodic consul-  
6 tation with the insurer to ensure that the facility is using the  
7 evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical review tool utilized by the  
8 insurer which is designated by the office of alcoholism and substance  
9 abuse services and appropriate to the age of the patient, to ensure that  
10 the outpatient treatment is medically necessary for the patient. Any  
11 utilization review of the treatment provided under this subparagraph may  
12 include a review of all services provided during such outpatient treat-  
13 ment, including all services provided during the first two weeks of  
14 continuous treatment, not to exceed fourteen visits, of such outpatient  
15 treatment. Provided, however, the insurer shall only deny coverage for  
16 any portion of the initial two weeks of continuous treatment, not to  
17 exceed fourteen visits, for outpatient treatment on the basis that such  
18 treatment was not medically necessary if such outpatient treatment was  
19 contrary to the evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical review tool  
20 utilized by the insurer which is designated by the office of alcoholism  
21 and substance abuse services. An insured shall not have any financial  
22 obligation to the facility for any treatment under this subparagraph  
23 other than any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible otherwise required  
24 under the policy.

25 § 5. Subsection (1) of section 4303 of the insurance law is amended by  
26 adding a new paragraph 5 to read as follows:

27 (5) This paragraph shall apply to facilities in this state certified  
28 by the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services for the  
29 provision of outpatient, intensive outpatient, outpatient rehabilitation  
30 and opioid treatment that are participating in the corporation's provid-  
31 er network. Coverage provided under this subsection shall not be subject  
32 to preauthorization. Coverage provided under this subsection shall not  
33 be subject to concurrent review for the first two weeks of continuous  
34 treatment, not to exceed fourteen visits, provided the facility notifies  
35 the corporation of both the start of treatment and the initial treatment  
36 plan within forty-eight hours. The facility shall perform clinical  
37 assessment of the patient at each visit, including the periodic consul-  
38 tation with the corporation to ensure that the facility is using the  
39 evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical review tool utilized by the  
40 corporation which is designated by the office of alcoholism and  
41 substance abuse services and appropriate to the age of the patient, to  
42 ensure that the outpatient treatment is medically necessary for the  
43 patient. Any utilization review of the treatment provided under this  
44 paragraph may include a review of all services provided during such  
45 outpatient treatment, including all services provided during the first  
46 two weeks of continuous treatment, not to exceed fourteen visits, of  
47 such outpatient treatment. Provided, however, the corporation shall only  
48 deny coverage for any portion of the initial two weeks of continuous  
49 treatment, not to exceed fourteen visits, for outpatient treatment on  
50 the basis that such treatment was not medically necessary if such outpa-  
51 tient treatment was contrary to the evidence-based and peer reviewed  
52 clinical review tool utilized by the corporation which is designated by  
53 the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services. A subscriber  
54 shall not have any financial obligation to the facility for any treat-  
55 ment under this paragraph other than any copayment, coinsurance, or  
56 deductible otherwise required under the contract.



1 § 6. The public health law is amended by adding two new sections 2531  
2 and 2532 to read as follows:

3 § 2531. Children and recovering mothers program. Subject to appropri-  
4 ation, the commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of alco-  
5 holism and substance abuse services, is authorized to establish the  
6 children and recovering mothers program, a program aimed at providing  
7 health care providers, hospitals and midwifery birth centers with guid-  
8 ance, education and assistance when providing care to expectant mothers  
9 with a substance use disorder. Such program shall:

10 1. Provide information to both health care providers as well as expect-  
11 tant mothers regarding use of medication assisted treatment for pregnant  
12 women, which shall include information regarding buprenorphine train-  
13 ing, tools for providers on effective management of women with a  
14 substance use disorder during pregnancy, and a referral list of provid-  
15 ers in the area;

16 2. Provide guidance and referral information for substance use disor-  
17 der services, home visiting services and other benefits and services  
18 that they may be eligible for while expecting and after birth;

19 3. Develop a system for rapid consultation and referral linkage  
20 services for obstetricians and primary care providers statewide who  
21 provide care for expectant mothers with substance use disorders;

22 4. Provide guidance on the identification of signs and symptoms of  
23 substance use disorder in expectant mothers; and

24 5. Anything else deemed necessary to implement the program.

25 § 2532. Workgroup. The commissioner, in conjunction with the commis-  
26 sioner of alcoholism and substance abuse services, shall convene a work-  
27 group of stakeholders, including but not limited to, hospitals, local  
28 health departments, obstetricians, midwives, pediatricians, and  
29 substance use disorder providers to study and evaluate barriers and  
30 challenges in identifying and treating expectant mothers, newborns and  
31 new parents with a substance use disorder. The workgroup shall report on  
32 its findings and recommendations to the commissioner, the commissioner  
33 of alcoholism and substance abuse services, the speaker of the assembly  
34 and the temporary president of the senate within one year of the effec-  
35 tive date of this section.

36 § 7. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (d) of subdivision 8 of section  
37 2168 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 154 of the laws of  
38 2013, is amended to read as follows:

39 (i) schools for the purpose of verifying immunization status for  
40 eligibility for admission, for the purpose of confirming a student has  
41 been screened for lead when enrolling in child care, pre-school or  
42 kindergarten, and for the provision of appropriate educational materials  
43 developed by the department pursuant to section thirteen hundred seven-  
44 ty-a of this chapter on the dangers of lead exposure, and the health  
45 risks associated with elevated blood lead levels to the parents or legal  
46 guardians of the student with an elevated blood lead level, as such term  
47 is defined in subdivision six of section thirteen hundred seventy of  
48 this chapter, as well as information on programs that may be available  
49 to the student and the parents or legal guardians of the student;

50 § 8. Section 1114 of the public health law, as added by section 3 of  
51 part T of chapter 57 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

52 § 1114. Lead service line replacement grant program. 1. ~~To the extent~~  
53 ~~practicable, the~~ The department shall allocate appropriated funds  
54 equitably among regions of the state. Within each region, the department  
55 shall give priority to municipalities that have a high percentage of  
56 elevated childhood blood lead levels, based on the most recent available

1 data. In distributing the awards allocated for each region to such  
2 priority municipalities, the department shall also consider whether the  
3 community is low income and the number of lead service lines in need of  
4 replacement. The department may request that such municipalities provide  
5 such documentation as the department may require to confirm award eligi-  
6 bility.

7 2. Further, the department shall establish a statewide plan for lead  
8 service line replacement, which shall include, at a minimum, a report on  
9 the implementation of subdivision one of this section, resources and  
10 techniques for identifying lead service lines throughout the state, the  
11 cost of replacing lead service lines, recommendations for municipalities  
12 on methods for evaluating the status of lead service lines present and  
13 guidance on replacement.

14 3. The department shall publish information, application forms, proce-  
15 dures and guidelines relating to the program on its website and in a  
16 manner that is accessible to the public and all potential award recipi-  
17 ents.

18 § 9. a. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the commission-  
19 er of the New York state department of health is hereby authorized and  
20 directed to prepare or have prepared a study of, and recommendations  
21 for, evidence-based interventions to address the high burden of asthma  
22 in the boroughs of Brooklyn and Manhattan in the city of New York. Such  
23 study shall include an analysis of high risk neighborhoods examining  
24 disparities in: income, race and ethnicity, public and private housing,  
25 and proximity to major sources of air pollution.

26 b. The study and recommendations authorized pursuant to subdivision a  
27 of this section shall be completed within twenty-four months of the  
28 effective date of this act.

29 § 10. Subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law is amended  
30 by adding a new paragraph 34 to read as follows:

31 (34) Every policy that provides coverage for hospital, surgical or  
32 medical care shall provide the following coverage for pasteurized donor  
33 human milk (PDHM), which may include fortifiers as medically indicated,  
34 for inpatient use, for which a licensed medical practitioner has issued  
35 an order for an infant who is medically or physically unable to receive  
36 maternal breast milk or participate in breast feeding or whose mother is  
37 medically or physically unable to produce maternal breast milk at all or  
38 in sufficient quantities or participate in breast feeding despite opti-  
39 mal lactation support. Such infant shall: (i) have a documented birth  
40 weight of less than one thousand five hundred grams; or (ii) have a  
41 congenital or acquired condition that places the infant at a high risk  
42 for development of necrotizing enterocolitis.

43 § 11. Subsection (1) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended  
44 by adding a new paragraph 20 to read as follows:

45 (20) Every insurer delivering a group or blanket policy or issuing a  
46 group or blanket policy for delivery in this state that provides cover-  
47 age for hospital, surgical or medical care shall provide the following  
48 coverage for pasteurized donor human milk (PDHM), which may include  
49 fortifiers as medically indicated, for inpatient use, for which a  
50 licensed medical practitioner has issued an order for an infant who is  
51 medically or physically unable to receive maternal breast milk or  
52 participate in breast feeding or whose mother is medically or physically  
53 unable to produce maternal breast milk at all or in sufficient quanti-  
54 ties or participate in breast feeding despite optimal lactation support.  
55 Such infant shall: (i) have a documented birth weight of less than one  
56 thousand five hundred grams; or (ii) have a congenital or acquired

1 condition that places the infant at a high risk for development of  
2 necrotizing enterocolitis.

3 § 12. Section 4303 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new  
4 subsection (oo) to read as follows:

5 (oo) A medical expense indemnity corporation, a hospital service  
6 corporation or a health service corporation that provides coverage for  
7 hospital, surgical or medical care shall provide the following coverage  
8 for pasteurized donor human milk (PDHM), which may include fortifiers as  
9 medically indicated, for inpatient use, for which a licensed medical  
10 practitioner has issued an order for an infant who is medically or phys-  
11 ically unable to receive maternal breast milk or participate in breast  
12 feeding or whose mother is medically or physically unable to produce  
13 maternal breast milk at all or in sufficient quantities or participate  
14 in breast feeding despite optimal lactation support. Such infant shall:  
15 (i) have a documented birth weight of less than one thousand five  
16 hundred grams; or (ii) have a congenital or acquired condition that  
17 places the infant at a high risk for development of necrotizing entero-  
18 colitis.

19 § 13. This act shall take effect immediately.

20 PART NN

21 Section 1. Article 33 of the public health law is amended by adding a  
22 new title 2-A to read as follows:

23 TITLE 2-A

24 OPIOID STEWARDSHIP ACT

25 Section 3323. Opioid stewardship fund.

26 § 3323. Opioid stewardship fund. 1. Definitions:

27 (a) "Opioid stewardship payment" shall mean the total amount to be  
28 paid into the opioid stewardship fund for each state fiscal year as set  
29 forth in subdivision two of this section.

30 (b) "Ratable share" shall mean the individual portion of the opioid  
31 stewardship payment to be paid by each manufacturer and distributor  
32 licensed under this article that sells or distributes opioids in the  
33 state of New York.

34 (c) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law to the contrary,  
35 "distribute" shall mean to deliver a controlled substance other than by  
36 administering or dispensing to the ultimate user, including intra-compa-  
37 ny transfers between any division, affiliate, subsidiary, parent or  
38 other entity under complete common ownership and control. For purposes  
39 of this section, "distribute" shall not include controlled substances  
40 surrendered to reverse distributors, or donated to recipient entities or  
41 third-party intermediaries pursuant to the unused prescription drug  
42 donation and redispensing program of section two hundred eighty-b of  
43 this chapter.

44 2. Opioid stewardship payment imposed on manufacturers and distribu-  
45 tors. All manufacturers and distributors licensed under this article  
46 (hereinafter referred to as "licensees"), that sell or distribute  
47 opioids in the state of New York shall be required to pay an opioid  
48 stewardship payment. On an annual basis, the commissioner shall certify  
49 to the state comptroller the amount of all revenues collected from  
50 opioid stewardship payments and any penalties imposed. The amount of  
51 revenues so certified shall be deposited quarterly into the opioid  
52 stewardship fund established pursuant to section ninety-seven-aaaaa of  
53 the state finance law. No licensee shall pass the cost of their ratable  
54 share amount to a purchaser, including the ultimate user of the opioid,

1 or such licensee shall be subject to penalties pursuant to subdivision  
2 ten of this section.

3 3. Determination of opioid stewardship payment. The total opioid  
4 stewardship payment amount shall be one hundred million dollars annual-  
5 ly, subject to downward adjustments pursuant to subdivision nine of this  
6 section.

7 4. Reports and records. Each manufacturer and distributor licensed  
8 under this article that sells or distributes opioids in the state of New  
9 York shall provide to the commissioner a report detailing all opioids  
10 sold or distributed by such manufacturer or distributor in the state of  
11 New York. Such report shall include:

12 (a) the manufacturer's or distributor's name, address, phone number,  
13 federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) registration number and controlled  
14 substance license number issued by the department;

15 (b) the name, address and DEA registration number of the entity to  
16 whom the opioid was sold or distributed;

17 (c) the date of the sale or distribution of the opioid;

18 (d) the gross receipt total, in dollars, of all opioids sold or  
19 distributed;

20 (e) the name and National Drug Code (NDC) of the opioid sold or  
21 distributed;

22 (f) the number of containers and the strength and metric quantity of  
23 controlled substance in each container of the opioid sold or distrib-  
24 uted;

25 (g) the total number of morphine milligram equivalents (MMEs) sold or  
26 distributed; and

27 (h) any other elements as deemed necessary by the commissioner.

28 4-a. Initial and future reports. (a) Such information shall be  
29 reported annually to the department in such form as defined by the  
30 commissioner, provided however that the initial report provided pursuant  
31 to subdivision four shall consist of all opioids sold or distributed in  
32 the state of New York for the two thousand seventeen calendar year, and  
33 must be submitted by August 1, 2018. Subsequent annual reports shall be  
34 submitted on April first of each year based on the actual opioid sales  
35 and distributions of the prior calendar year.

36 (b) For the purpose of such annual reporting, MMEs shall be determined  
37 pursuant to a formulation to be issued by the department and updated as  
38 the department deems appropriate.

39 5. Determination of ratable share. Each manufacturer and distributor  
40 licensed under this article that sells or distributes opioids in the  
41 state of New York shall pay a portion of the total opioid stewardship  
42 payment amount. The ratable share shall be calculated as follows:

43 (a) The total amount of MMEs sold or distributed in the state of New  
44 York by the licensee for the preceding calendar year, as reported by the  
45 licensee pursuant to subdivision four of this section, shall be divided  
46 by the total amount of MME sold in the state of New York by all licen-  
47 sees pursuant to this article to determine the licensee payment percent-  
48 age. The licensee payment percentage shall be multiplied by the total  
49 opioid stewardship payment. The product of such calculation shall be  
50 the licensee's ratable share. The department shall have the authority  
51 to adjust the total number of a licensee's MMEs to account for the  
52 nature and use of the product, as well as the type of entity purchasing  
53 the product from the licensee, when making such determination and adjust  
54 the ratable share accordingly.

55 (b) The licensee's total amount of MME sold or distributed, as well as  
56 the total amount of MME sold or distributed by all licensees under this

1 article, used in the calculation of the ratable share shall not include  
2 the MME of those opioids which are: (i) manufactured in New York state,  
3 but whose final point of delivery or sale is outside of New York state;  
4 (ii) sold or distributed to entities certified to operate pursuant to  
5 article thirty-two of the mental hygiene law, or article forty of the  
6 public health law; or (iii) the MMEs attributable to buprenorphine,  
7 methadone or morphine.

8 (c) The department shall provide to the licensee, in writing, on or  
9 before October fifteenth, two thousand eighteen, the licensee's ratable  
10 share for the two thousand seventeen calendar year. Thereafter, the  
11 department shall notify the licensee in writing annually on or before  
12 October fifteenth of each year based on the opioids sold or distributed  
13 for the prior calendar year.

14 6. Payment of ratable share. The licensee shall make payments quarter-  
15 ly to the department with the first payment of the ratable share,  
16 provided that the amount due on January first, two thousand nineteen  
17 shall be for the full amount of the first annual payment, with addi-  
18 tional payments to be due and owing on the first day of every quarter  
19 thereafter.

20 7. Rebate of ratable share. In any year for which the commissioner  
21 determines that a licensee failed to report required information as  
22 required by this section, those licensees complying with this section  
23 shall receive a reduced assessment of their ratable share in the follow-  
24 ing year equal to the amount in excess of any overpayment in the prior  
25 payment period.

26 8. Licensee opportunity to appeal. A licensee shall be afforded an  
27 opportunity to submit information to the department to justify why the  
28 ratable share provided to the licensee, pursuant to paragraph (c) of  
29 subdivision five of this section, or amounts paid thereunder are in  
30 error or otherwise not warranted. If the department determines thereaft-  
31 er that all or a portion of such ratable share, as determined by the  
32 commissioner pursuant to subdivision five of this section, is not  
33 warranted, the department may: (a) adjust the ratable share; (b) adjust  
34 the assessment of the ratable share in the following year equal to the  
35 amount in excess of any overpayment in the prior payment period; or (c)  
36 refund amounts paid in error.

37 9. Department annual review. The department shall annually review the  
38 amount of state operating funds spent in the office of alcoholism and  
39 substance abuse services (OASAS) budget for opioid prevention, treatment  
40 and recovery. The commissioner of OASAS shall certify to the department  
41 the amount of annual spending for such services, utilizing available  
42 information on patient demographics and the actual cost of services  
43 delivered by the state and by state-funded providers. The certification  
44 of such spending shall begin in state fiscal year two thousand eigh-  
45 teen-nineteen, and continue annually thereafter. The total amount of  
46 such spending shall be provided to the department by the commissioner of  
47 OASAS no later than June thirtieth of each year. There shall be no  
48 stewardship fund payments beginning on July first in the event state  
49 operating funds spent in the OASAS budget for opioid prevention, treat-  
50 ment and recovery in the most recently reported year is equal to or less  
51 than state operating funds spent for such purposes in state fiscal year  
52 two thousand nine-ten.

53 10. Penalties. (a) The department may assess a civil penalty in an  
54 amount not to exceed one thousand dollars per day against any licensee  
55 that fails to comply with subdivisions four and four-a of this section.



1 (b) In addition to any other civil or criminal penalty provided by  
2 law, where a licensee has failed to pay its ratable share in accordance  
3 with subdivision six of this section, the department may also assess a  
4 penalty of no less than ten percent and no greater than three hundred  
5 percent of the ratable share due from such licensee.

6 (c) Where the ratable share, or any portion thereof, has been passed  
7 on to a purchaser by a licensee, the commissioner may impose a penalty  
8 not to exceed one million dollars per incident.

9 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 3316 of the public health law is amended  
10 by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

11 (c) is unlikely during the period of his or her license to complete  
12 the reports or to pay the ratable share required by title two-A of this  
13 article on or before the required date. Prior evidence of non-compliance  
14 shall constitute substantial evidence of such.

15 § 3. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 97-aaaaa  
16 to read as follows:

17 § 97-aaaaa. Opioid stewardship fund. 1. There is hereby established  
18 in the joint custody of the state comptroller and the commissioner of  
19 taxation and finance an account of the miscellaneous special revenue  
20 account to be known as the "opioid stewardship fund".

21 2. Moneys in opioid stewardship fund shall be kept separate and shall  
22 not be commingled with any other moneys in the custody of the state  
23 comptroller and the commissioner of taxation and finance.

24 3. The opioid stewardship fund shall consist of moneys appropriated  
25 for the purpose of such account, moneys transferred to such account  
26 pursuant to law, contributions consisting of promises or grants of any  
27 money or property of any kind or value, or any other thing of value,  
28 including grants or other financial assistance from any agency of  
29 government and moneys required by the provisions of this section or any  
30 other law to be paid into or credited to this account.

31 4. Moneys of the opioid stewardship fund, when allocated, shall be  
32 available, subject to the approval of the director of the budget, to  
33 support programs operated by the New York state office of alcoholism and  
34 substance abuse services or agencies certified, authorized, approved or  
35 otherwise funded by the New York state office of alcoholism and  
36 substance abuse services to provide opioid treatment, recovery and  
37 prevention and education services; and to provide support for the  
38 prescription monitoring program registry as established pursuant to  
39 section thirty-three hundred forty-three-a of the public health law.

40 5. At the request of the budget director, the state comptroller shall  
41 transfer moneys to support the costs of opioid treatment, recovery,  
42 prevention, education services, and other related programs, from the  
43 opioid stewardship fund to any other fund of the state to support this  
44 purpose.

45 6. (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law,  
46 no moneys shall be available from the opioid stewardship fund until a  
47 certificate of allocation and a schedule of amounts to be available  
48 therefor shall have been issued by the director of the budget, upon the  
49 recommendation of the commissioner of the office of alcoholism and  
50 substance abuse services, and a copy of such certificate filed with the  
51 comptroller, the chairman of the senate finance committee and the chair-  
52 man of the assembly ways and means committee.

53 (ii) Such certificate may be amended from time to time by the director  
54 of the budget, upon the recommendation of the commissioner of the office  
55 of alcoholism and substance abuse services, and a copy of such amendment

1 shall be filed with the comptroller, the chairman of the senate finance  
2 committee and the chairman of the assembly ways and means committee.

3 7. The moneys, when allocated, shall be paid out of the opioid  
4 stewardship fund, pursuant to subdivision four of this section, and  
5 subject to the approval of the director of the budget, on the audit and  
6 warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by (i) the  
7 commissioner of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services or  
8 his or her designee; or (ii) the commissioner of the department of  
9 health or his or her designee.

10 § 4. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or  
11 section of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent juris-  
12 diction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or inval-  
13 idate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to  
14 the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or section directly  
15 involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been  
16 rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature that  
17 this act would have been enacted even if such invalid provisions had not  
18 been included herein.

19 § 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018 and shall expire and be  
20 deemed to be repealed on June 30, 2024, provided that, effective imme-  
21 diately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation  
22 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are  
23 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

24 § 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-  
25 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of  
26 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,  
27 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in  
28 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section  
29 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-  
30 ment shall have been rendered. It has hereby declared to be the intent  
31 of the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such  
32 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

33 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that  
34 the applicable effective date of Parts A through NN of this act shall be  
35 as specifically set forth in the last section of such Parts.