

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. HEVESI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to assisting persons with clinical/symptomatic HIV illness or AIDS

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

Section 1. Section 2 of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 41 to read as follows:

41. "Person with clinical/symptomatic HIV illness or AIDS" shall mean a person who has at any time been diagnosed with clinical/symptomatic HIV illness, as determined by the New York state department of health AIDS institute, or a person with AIDS, as defined by the federal centers for disease control and prevention.

§ 2. Subdivision 14 of section 131-a of the social services law, as added by section 1 of part H of chapter 58 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

14. In determining the need for aid provided pursuant to public assistance programs, each person living with clinical/symptomatic HIV illness or AIDS [~~in social services districts with a population over five million~~] who is receiving [~~services through such district's administrative unit providing HIV/AIDS services,~~] public assistance and earned and/or unearned income, shall not be required to pay more than thirty percent of his or her monthly earned and/or unearned income toward the cost of rent that such person has a direct obligation to pay; this provision shall not apply to room and board arrangements.

§ 3. Section 131 of the social services law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 21 and 22 to read as follows:

21. When necessary, each local social services district shall assist persons with clinical/symptomatic HIV illness or AIDS (i) secure the required documentation to determine eligibility for assistance, (ii) arrange for required face-to-face interviews to be conducted during home visits or at other appropriate sites, and (iii) by providing referrals for services as well as other resources and materials as described in subdivision twenty-two of this section.

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

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1 22. The office, in consultation with the department of health, shall
2 create, maintain, and periodically update information on the office's
3 website regarding resources and services throughout the state, including
4 the location of such services, which shall include but not be limited
5 to, community based supports, employment opportunities, and medical
6 professionals specialized in assisting such persons with
7 clinical/symptomatic HIV illness or AIDS, to be utilized by the local
8 social services districts. Such information shall also be made available
9 on the office's website.

10 § 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
11 have become a law.