STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

February 15, 2018

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to autism screening for children three years of age and under

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subdivision 1 of section 2500-j of the public health law, as added by chapter 335 of the laws of 2008, are amended and a new paragraph (d) is added to read as follows:

(b) a provider/parental dialogue, utilizing the modified checklist for autism in toddlers as a reference, intended to educate parents in regard to autism spectrum disorders; [~~and~~]

(c) an appropriate referral mechanism for children who, based upon results of the aforementioned screening process, require further evaluation[~~.~~]; and

(d) developmental screenings for children three years of age and younger who are screened under this section. Such screenings shall be in compliance with the periodicity schedule and standardized and validated screening tools that have been established by the Bright Futures/American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations for Preventative Health Care and any subsequent updates to those recommendations.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, the amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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