

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 31, 2018

Introduced by Sen. ALCANTARA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to maternal mortality reporting and advancement of best practices; and in relation to providing information on possible complications from pregnancy

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section
2 2509 to read as follows:

3 § 2509. Maternal mortality reporting and advancement of best prac-
4 tices. 1. For purposes of this section, the term "maternal mortality"
5 means the cessation of respiration and circulation for a woman during or
6 up to a year from the end of pregnancy, from any cause related to or
7 aggravated by the pregnancy or its management.

8 2. The department shall work with stakeholders and experts in the
9 state and other states to examine procedures found to reduce maternal
10 mortality rates, and based on its findings develop evidence-based quali-
11 ty improvement procedures that maternal care providers can implement to
12 prevent maternal mortality.

13 3. The department shall work with providers to ensure the adoption of
14 procedures pursuant to subdivision two of this section and shall track
15 the percentage of maternal care providers that have adopted such proce-
16 dures.

17 4. No later than November thirtieth, two thousand eighteen, and not
18 later than November thirtieth annually thereafter, the department shall
19 submit to the governor, the speaker of the assembly and the temporary
20 president of the senate and the respective chairpersons of the assembly
21 and senate health committees a report on the development and adoption of
22 procedures to reduce maternal mortality, the rate of adoption of these
23 procedures by providers in the state, and the effect these procedures
24 have had on the maternal mortality rate in the state.

25 5. The report shall include data available regarding maternal mortal-
26 ity in the state including, but not limited to:

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

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1 (a) the number of maternal mortalities, disaggregated by race or
2 ethnicity and county; and

3 (b) the maternal mortality ratio, disaggregated by race or ethnicity
4 and county where available and statistically reliable.

5 6. The department shall publish the disaggregated maternal mortality
6 data collected pursuant to subdivision five of this section as part of
7 its maternal and infant health indicators, to the extent such data is
8 available to the department.

9 § 2. Subdivision 1-b of section 2803-j of the public health law, as
10 amended by chapter 199 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 1-b. The informational leaflet shall also include information relating
13 to the physical and mental health of the maternity patient after
14 discharge from the hospital, including, but not limited to, information
15 about maternal depression and information on possible complications from
16 pregnancy that can lead to death. The commissioner, in collaboration
17 with the commissioner of mental health, shall review and update the
18 information on maternal depression contained in the leaflet, as neces-
19 sary. The informational leaflets shall be made available to patients in
20 the top six languages spoken in the state, other than English, according
21 to the latest available data from the United States Census Bureau.

22 § 3. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 2803-n of the public
23 health law, as amended by chapter 199 of the laws of 2014, is amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (b) Maternity care shall also include, at minimum, parent education,
26 assistance and training in breast or bottle feeding, education on mater-
27 nal depression, education on maternal depression screening and refer-
28 rals, including screenings and referrals to identify conditions identi-
29 fied as presenting a serious threat to the life of the mother in the
30 year after pregnancy, and the performance of any necessary maternal and
31 newborn clinical assessments. Notwithstanding this requirement, nothing
32 in this paragraph is intended to result in the hospital charging any
33 amount for such services in addition to the applicable charge for the
34 maternity inpatient hospital admission.

35 § 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
36 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
37 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
38 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
39 on or before such effective date.