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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HANNON -- 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 home care and community based sepsis prevention, screening, intervention and education

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 3620-a to read as follows:

3 § 3620-a. Sepsis. 1. The department may provide support for the
4 following objectives and activities to promote community based sepsis
5 prevention, screening, intervention and education in the state, which
6 may include, within available funds and upon the approval of the state
7 director of the budget, grants or supplementation of reimbursement rates
8 to providers. Such supported objectives and activities may include, but
9 are not limited to, on a voluntary home care agency basis:

10 (a) home care agency integration into electronic health records
11 systems of a standardized sepsis screening and intervention tool for
12 home care that meets adopted industry standards and synchronizes to
13 sepsis criteria utilized in hospitals according to departmental protocol
14 requirements for hospitals;

15 (b) timely and synchronized exchange of health information on behalf
16 of patients meeting or suspected to meet sepsis criteria, with such
17 exchange between home care agencies integrating the standardized sepsis
18 tool, and emergency medical services providers, hospitals, patients'
19 primary care practitioners, and other clinical partners, as applicable;

20 (c) establishment and implementation of sepsis collaboratives under
21 the hospital-home care-physician collaboration program under section
22 twenty-eight hundred five-x of this chapter, the purpose of which shall
23 be to pilot test the effectiveness of collaboratives in promoting the
24 goals of this section, as well as to pilot the development of clinical
25 pathways and interdisciplinary care plans for effective care transition,
26 post-hospital discharge care, and subsequent sepsis prevention and read-
27 mission avoidance for sepsis survivors;

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

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1 (d) home care agency sepsis education and training of home health
2 aides, personal care aides, and family caregivers;

3 (e) community outreach and public and provider education conducted by
4 home care agencies, and by home care in conjunction with continuum part-
5 ners, including hospitals, physicians, emergency medical services,
6 health plans, nursing homes and others, as well as with state and
7 national sepsis public education organizations, including the Rory
8 Staunton Foundation for Sepsis Prevention and Sepsis Alliance. The
9 purpose of such education shall be to foster directly, and in partner-
10 ship with providers, an effective sepsis response across the continuum
11 of care, as well as increased public awareness and education about
12 sepsis and sepsis prevention.

13 2. The department shall issue guidance to home care and other applica-
14 ble providers on the implementation of this section.

15 § 2. The commissioner shall, within eighteen months of the effective
16 date of this act, provide information to the legislature and governor on
17 the activities supported by and outcomes achieved by this act in
18 relation to sepsis awareness, prevention, intervention and mitigation.

19 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.