

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

June 15, 2018

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the provision of certain professional services to children's camps and camps for children with developmental disabilities

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 1394 of the public health law, as added by chapter 515 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

1. The public health and health planning council shall prescribe standards and establish regulations for children's overnight, summer day and traveling summer day camps, as defined in this article, concerning such matters as may be appropriate for the protection and security of the life, health and safety of the occupants of such camps.

§ 2. Subdivision 3 of section 1394 of the public health law, as added by chapter 214 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

3. Any person, firm, corporation, or association that operates a children's overnight, summer day, or traveling summer day camp, and has obtained a permit pursuant to section thirteen hundred ninety-three of this article, shall be authorized to employ or contract with any of the following licensed professionals: a physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse or emergency medical technician to act as a designated camp health director or to provide health services in assistance to the camp health director [~~pursuant to applicable regulations promulgated by the commissioner~~]. All decisions, identification or coordination of professional services, or other professional interactions with campers and staff, must be made based on the professional judgment of such licensees to provide professional services within his or her lawful scope of practice for the purpose of treating campers and staff during their attendance or employment at such camp, pursuant to applicable regulations promulgated by the commissioner in consultation with the commissioner of education.

§ 3. The public health law is amended by adding two new sections 1394-c and 1394-d to read as follows:

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

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1     § 1394-c. Licensed professionals; children's camps. 1. Any person,  
2     firm, corporation, or association that operates a children's overnight,  
3     summer day or traveling summer day camp, and has obtained a permit  
4     pursuant to section thirteen hundred ninety-three of this article, shall  
5     be authorized to employ or contract with any of the mental health prac-  
6     titioners licensed under articles one hundred fifty-three, one hundred  
7     fifty-four and one hundred sixty-three of the education law.

8     2. All decisions, identification or coordination of professional  
9     services, or other professional interactions with campers and staff,  
10    must be made based on the professional judgment of such licensees to  
11    provide professional services within his or her lawful scope of practice  
12    for the purpose of treating campers and staff during their attendance or  
13    employment at such camp, pursuant to applicable regulations promulgated  
14    by the commissioner in consultation with the commissioner of education.

15    § 1394-d. Licensed professionals; camps for children with develop-  
16    mental disabilities. 1. Camps for children with developmental disabili-  
17    ties, as defined in subpart 7-2.2, part 7, chapter 1 of Title 10 of the  
18    New York codes, rules and regulations, and in compliance with the  
19    justice center for the protection of people with special needs, shall be  
20    authorized to employ or contract with any of the licensed professionals  
21    licensed under articles one hundred thirty-two, one hundred thirty-six,  
22    one hundred fifty-six, one hundred fifty-nine, one hundred sixty-two and  
23    one hundred sixty-seven of the education law.

24    2. All decisions, identification or coordination of professional  
25    services, or other professional interactions with campers and staff,  
26    must be made based on the professional judgment of such licensees to  
27    provide professional services within his or her lawful scope of practice  
28    for the purpose of treating campers and staff during their attendance or  
29    employment at such camp, pursuant to applicable regulations promulgated  
30    by the commissioner in consultation with the commissioner of education.

31    § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.