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:

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3620-a to read as follows:

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

(a) home care agency integration into electronic health records systems of a standardized sepsis screening and intervention tool for home care that meets adopted industry standards and synchronizes to sepsis criteria utilized in hospitals according to departmental protocol requirements for hospitals;
(b) timely and synchronized exchange of health information on behalf of patients meeting or suspected to meet sepsis criteria, with such exchange between home care agencies integrating the standardized sepsis tool, and emergency medical services providers, hospitals, patients' primary care practitioners, and other clinical partners, as applicable;
(c) establishment and implementation of sepsis collaboratives under the hospital-home care-physician collaboration program under section twenty-eight hundred five-x of this chapter, the purpose of which shall

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.
be to pilot test the effectiveness of collaboratives in promoting the
goals of this section, as well as to pilot the development of clinical
pathways and interdisciplinary care plans for effective care transition,
post-hospital discharge care, and subsequent sepsis prevention and read-
mission avoidance for sepsis survivors;
(d) home care agency sepsis education and training of home health
aides, personal care aides, and family caregivers;
(e) community outreach and public and provider education conducted by
home care agencies, and by home care in conjunction with continuum part-
ers, including hospitals, physicians, emergency medical services,
health plans, nursing homes and others, as well as with state and
national sepsis public education organizations, including the Rory
Staunton Foundation for Sepsis Prevention and Sepsis Alliance. The
purpose of such education shall be to foster directly, and in partner-
ship with providers, an effective sepsis response across the continuum
of care, as well as increased public awareness and education about
sepsis and sepsis prevention.
2. The department shall issue guidance to home care and other applica-
ble providers on the implementation of this section.
§ 2. The commissioner of health shall, within eighteen months of the
effective date of this act, provide information to the legislature and
governor on the activities supported by and outcomes achieved by this
act in relation to sepsis awareness, prevention, intervention and miti-
gation.
§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately. Effective immediately the
addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary
for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized
to be made on or before such date.