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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring the department of health to develop and disseminate information regarding bone marrow donor programs and authorizing primary care providers and urgent care physicians to provide such information to patients

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 4369 to read as follows:

§ 4369. Bone marrow registry information. 1. The transplant council and the commissioner shall develop and make available information regarding bone marrow registries, including but not limited to the National Marrow Donor Program "Be The Match Registry" registry and The Bone Marrow Foundation. Such information shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) the need for bone marrow donations;

(b) patient populations that would benefit from bone marrow donations;

(c) how to join the bone marrow registry; and

(d) how to acquire a free buccal swab kit from a bone marrow registry.

2. The information required by this section shall be made available to the public on the department's website. The information shall also be provided to primary care physicians and urgent care physicians for dissemination to the public. Additional dissemination of the information may be by oral, print, or electronic notification or any other method, provided that the department determines that the dissemination of information is cost-effective for the department.

3. Each primary care provider and urgent care physician may inquire of new patients who are eighteen years of age or older and under forty-five years of age on their new patient intake form as to whether the patient is registered with the bone marrow registry. If the patient states that

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

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he or she is not registered with the bone marrow registry, the provider or physician shall provide information developed and disseminated by the department regarding the bone marrow registry to the patient.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date upon which it shall have become a law. 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 and completed on or before such date.