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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. RIVERA -- 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

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

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1 pathways and interdisciplinary care plans for effective care transition,  
2 post-hospital discharge care, and subsequent sepsis prevention and read-  
3 mission avoidance for sepsis survivors;

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

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

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

18 § 2. The commissioner of health shall, within eighteen months of the  
19 effective date of this act, provide information to the legislature and  
20 governor on the activities supported by and outcomes achieved by this  
21 act in relation to sepsis awareness, prevention, intervention and miti-  
22 gation.

23 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately. Effective immediately the  
24 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary  
25 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized  
26 to be made on or before such date.