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IN SENATE

January 22, 2019

Introduced by Sens. HELMING, AKSHAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to directing the commissioner of health to make recommendations relating to increasing certain ambulatory patient group reimbursement rates and certain reimbursement rates for patient health care services provided by physicians in rural and underserved areas

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2-a of section 2807 of the public health law is amended by adding a new paragraph (j) to read as follows:

(j) 1. The commissioner shall, in conjunction with hospital industry representatives, provide written recommendations to the governor and the legislature on or before October first, two thousand nineteen, on increasing ambulatory patient groups reimbursement rates established pursuant to this subdivision for general hospital outpatient services, general hospital emergency services, diagnostic and treatment center services and ambulatory surgical services, provided by rural hospitals designated as critical access hospitals in accordance with title XVIII of the federal social security act. Such recommendations shall take into consideration the increased costs of providing such services in rural areas as well as the need to maintain access to such services in rural areas. In addition, the recommendations shall contain proposed legislation, for incorporation into the state budget for the two thousand twenty--two thousand twenty-one fiscal year, to effectuate rate increases effective April first, two thousand twenty.

2. The commissioner shall, in conjunction with representatives of physician advocacy organizations including the medical society of the state of New York, provide written recommendations to the governor and

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

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legislature on or before October first, two thousand nineteen, on increasing reimbursement rates for patient health care services provided by physicians in rural and underserved areas in accordance with title XVIII of the federal social security act. Such recommendations shall take into consideration the increased costs of providing such services in rural areas as well as the need to maintain access to such services in rural areas. In addition, the recommendations shall contain proposed legislation, for incorporation into the state budget for the two thousand twenty--two thousand twenty-one fiscal year, to effectuate rate increases effective April first, two thousand twenty.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.