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Introduced by Sen. MONTGOMERY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Women's Issues -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to providing information on possible complications from pregnancy; and in relation to screenings and referrals for serious threats to life after pregnancy

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

Section 1. Section 2803-j of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 1-e to read as follows:

1-e. The informational leaflet shall also include information on possible complications from pregnancy that can endanger the life or health of the newborn or the mother. The commissioner, in consultation with any state or local government maternal mortality review boards, shall review and update this information as necessary.

§ 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 2803-n of the public health law, as amended by chapter 199 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Maternity care shall also include, at minimum, parent education, assistance and training in breast or bottle feeding, education on maternal depression, education on maternal depression screening and referrals, and the performance of any necessary **or appropriate** maternal and newborn clinical assessments **and screenings and appropriate referrals**. Notwithstanding this requirement, nothing in this paragraph is intended to result in the hospital charging any amount for such services in addition to the applicable charge for the maternity inpatient hospital admission.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after 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 effective date.

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

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