

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

January 10, 2020

Introduced by Sen. MONTGOMERY -- read twice and ordered printed, and  
when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring the commissioner of health to develop and update information on possible complications from pregnancy that can endanger the life or health of the newborn or the mother; and requiring hospitals offering maternity or women's wellness services to provide information concerning pregnancy complications; and to repeal certain provisions of the public health law relating to providing information on possible complications from pregnancy

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1-e of section 2803-j of the public health law,  
2 as added by a chapter of the laws of 2019 amending the public health law  
3 relating to providing information on possible complications from pregnancy;  
4 and relating to screenings and referrals for serious threats to  
5 life after pregnancy, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.4637-A  
6 and A.2957-A, is REPEALED.

7 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 266 of the public health law, such  
8 section as added by chapter 342 of the laws of 2014, is renumbered  
9 subdivision 3 and a new subdivision 2 is added to read as follows:

10 2. The commissioner shall develop and update as necessary information  
11 on possible complications from pregnancy that can endanger the life or  
12 health of the newborn or the mother for purposes of advancing women's  
13 health initiatives, pursuant to subdivision one of this section. Such  
14 information shall be developed in consultation with any state or local  
15 government maternal mortality review boards and health care providers or  
16 other experts in the field of women and newborn health. Such information  
17 shall be posted on the website in a printable format, in each of the top  
18 six languages spoken in the state, other than English, according to the  
19 latest available data from the United States Census Bureau, to allow all  
20 general hospitals, diagnostic and treatment centers, obstetricians,  
21 primary care providers, midwives, and other health care programs provid-  
22 ing women's wellness services to provide the information to their

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

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1 patients as part of their wellness education or prenatal care activ-  
2 ities.

3 § 3. The public health law is amended to add a new section 2803-w to  
4 read as follows:

5 § 2803-w. Disclosure of information concerning pregnancy compli-  
6 cations. Every hospital offering maternity or women's wellness services  
7 shall provide the information developed pursuant to section two hundred  
8 sixty-six of this chapter, as added by chapter 342 of the laws of 2014,  
9 to pregnant patients as clinically appropriate, but prior to discharge.  
10 Such information shall also be provided by every diagnostic and treat-  
11 ment center offering prenatal care services upon the initial prenatal  
12 care visit.

13 § 4. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same  
14 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2019, as proposed in legislative  
15 bills numbers S.4637-A and A.2957-A, takes effect.