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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

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

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1 be to pilot test the effectiveness of collaboratives in promoting the
2 goals of this section, as well as to pilot the development of clinical
3 pathways and interdisciplinary care plans for effective care transition,
4 post-hospital discharge care, and subsequent sepsis prevention and read-
5 mission avoidance for sepsis survivors;

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

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

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

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

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