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Introduced by M. of A. EPSTEIN, SEAWRIGHT, JAFFEE, SAYEGH, McDONOUGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to information provided to patients regarding sudden unexpected death in epilepsy

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 2995 of the public health law is amended by adding two new paragraphs (f) and (g) to read as follows:

(f) "Health care practitioner" shall mean a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant licensed or certified pursuant to title eight of the education law.

(g) "Sudden unexpected death in epilepsy" shall mean sudden, unexpected death in patients with epilepsy, with or without evidence of a seizure.

§ 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2997-f-1 to read as follows:

§ 2997-f-1. Provision of information relating to sudden unexpected death in epilepsy. 1. Any health care practitioner who is treating a patient for epilepsy, who has primary responsibility for the treatment and care of the patient, shall provide such patient with the following written information:

(a) current and evidence-based information about sudden unexpected death in epilepsy risk factors and conditions that has been reviewed by one or more accredited medical experts and national epilepsy organizations; and

(b) contact information for nonprofit organizations that provide information and support services for epilepsy conditions.

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

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2.(a) The commissioner shall provide written information to health care practitioners necessary to implement subdivision one of this section, and shall post such information on the department's website.

(b) The commissioner shall ensure that such information is culturally and linguistically appropriate for all recipients.

(c) Any local or national organization that provides education or services related to epilepsy conditions may request that the commissioner include such organization's informational material and contact information on the department's website. Once such a request is made, the commissioner may add the information to the department's website at his or her discretion.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.