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

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:

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3620-a to read as follows:

§ 3620-a. Sepsis. 1. The department may provide support for the following objectives and activities to promote community based sepsis prevention, screening, intervention and education in the state, which may include, within available funds and upon the approval of the state director of the budget, grants or supplementation of reimbursement rates to providers. Such supported objectives and activities may include, but are not limited to, on a voluntary home care agency basis:

(a) home care agency integration into electronic health records systems of a standardized sepsis screening and intervention tool for home care that meets adopted industry standards and synchronizes to sepsis criteria utilized in hospitals according to departmental protocol requirements for hospitals;

(b) timely and synchronized exchange of health information on behalf of patients meeting or suspected to meet sepsis criteria, with such exchange between home care agencies integrating the standardized sepsis tool, and emergency medical services providers, hospitals, patients' primary care practitioners, and other clinical partners, as applicable;

(c) establishment and implementation of sepsis collaboratives under the hospital-home care-physician collaboration program under section twenty-eight hundred five-x of this chapter, the purpose of which shall be to pilot test the effectiveness of collaboratives in promoting the goals of this section, as well as to pilot the development of clinical

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

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pathways and interdisciplinary care plans for effective care transition, post-hospital discharge care, and subsequent sepsis prevention and readmission avoidance for sepsis survivors;

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

(e) community outreach and public and provider education conducted by home care agencies, and by home care in conjunction with continuum partners, including hospitals, physicians, emergency medical services, health plans, nursing homes and others, as well as with state and national sepsis public education organizations, including the Rory Staunton Foundation for Sepsis Prevention and Sepsis Alliance. The purpose of such education shall be to foster directly, and in partnership with providers, an effective sepsis response across the continuum of care, as well as increased public awareness and education about sepsis and sepsis prevention.

2. The department shall issue guidance to home care and other applicable providers on the implementation of this section.

§ 2. The commissioner of health shall, within eighteen months of the effective date of this act, provide information to the legislature and governor on the activities supported by and outcomes achieved by this act in relation to sepsis awareness, prevention, intervention and mitigation.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately. 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 on or before such date.