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IN SENATE

April 9, 2019

Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- 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 directing the department of health to contract with community-based and not-for-profit organizations for the provision of information on health care services and benefits available to immigrants

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (u) and (v) of subdivision 1 of section 201 of the public health law, paragraph (u) as added by chapter 939 of the laws of 1976 and paragraph (v) as added by chapter 474 of the laws of 1996, are amended and a new paragraph (w) is added to read as follows:

(u) engage in research into the causes of rocky mountain spotted fever and the prevention thereof and develop programs for the control of ticks, insects and [~~anthropods~~] arthropods which act as vectors of disease affecting man, within funds made available for such purposes[~~.~~];

(v) act as the single state agency for medical assistance, pursuant to section three hundred sixty-three-a of the social services law, [~~as amended by this chapter,~~] with responsibility to supervise the plan for medical assistance as required by title XIX of the federal Social Security act, or its successor, and to adopt regulations as may be necessary to implement this plan[~~.~~]; and

(w)(i) within amounts appropriated therefor, contract with community-based organizations and not-for-profit corporations for the provision of outreach, information and educational services to naturalized citizens and aliens on health care services and benefits which are available to such persons. Such outreach, information and educational services shall:

(A) designate which health care services are available to such persons in the community in which they reside;

(B) include the eligibility requirements for the following programs:

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

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(1) medical assistance and emergency medical assistance, pursuant to title eleven of article five of the social services law,

(2) family health plus, pursuant to title eleven-D of article five of the social services law,

(3) child health insurance plan, pursuant to title one-A of article twenty-five of this chapter, and

(4) any other health benefit program the commissioner deems appropriate;

(C) provide information on the manner in which to apply for such programs; and

(D) be provided in a manner and the language which is most appropriate for the community to which the outreach, information and educational services are to be provided.

(ii) the department shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this paragraph. In addition, the department shall provide all educational materials necessary to implement the provisions of this paragraph and shall pay the costs of distributing such materials.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that any actions necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be taken on or before such date.