

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 11, 2019

Introduced by Sens. HARCKHAM, SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to prescribing an opioid antagonist with a patient's first opioid prescription in a given year

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

1 Section 1. Section 3309 of the public health law is amended by adding
2 a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

3 7. With the first prescription to a particular patient of an opioid of
4 each year for use in a setting other than a general hospital or nursing
5 home under article twenty-eight of this chapter or facility under arti-
6 cle thirty-one of the mental hygiene law, the prescriber shall prescribe
7 an opioid antagonist when any of the following risk factors are present:
8 (a) a history of substance use disorder; (b) high dose or cumulative
9 prescriptions that result in over fifty morphine milligram equivalents
10 per day; (c) concurrent use of opioids and benzodiazepine or nonbenzo-
11 diazepine sedative hypnotics.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
13 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
14 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
15 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
16 completed by the commissioner of health on or before such effective
17 date.

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

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