STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 21, 2021

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 social services law, in relation to eligibility for the basic health program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Section 369-gg of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3-a to read as follows:

3-a. Novel coronavirus, COVID-19 eligibility. A person shall also be eligible to receive coverage for health care services under this title, without regard to federal financial participation, if he or she is a resident of the state, has or has had a confirmed or suspected case of novel coronavirus, COVID-19, household income below two hundred percent of the federal poverty line as defined and annually revised by the United States department of health and human services for a household of the same size, and is ineligible for federal financial participation in the basic health program under 42 U.S.C. section 18051 on the basis of immigration status, but otherwise meets the eligibility requirements in paragraphs (b) and (c) of subdivision three of this section. An applicant who fails to make an applicable premium payment shall lose eligibility to receive coverage for health care services in accordance with the time frames and procedures determined by the commissioner.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire and be deemed repealed 60 days following the conclusion of the state disaster emergency declared pursuant to executive order 202, provided that the commissioner of health shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the conclusion of such executive order in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.

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

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