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## IN SENATE

March 12, 2021

Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- 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 requiring hospitals distribute literature created by the commissioner to patients at a high risk of sickle cell disease

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

- 1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2 2803-z to read as follows:  
3 § 2803-z. Sickle cell disease information distribution. The commis-  
4 sioner shall design an informational packet about sickle cell disease,  
5 including screening, prevention, and treatment information. Every gener-  
6 al hospital shall distribute the packet to every patient, or, if the  
7 patient lacks capacity to make health care decisions, to a person who  
8 has authority to make health care decisions for the patient who is  
9 suspected to be at high risk of inheriting sickle cell disease.  
10 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 207 of the public health law is amended  
11 by adding a new paragraph (p) to read as follows:  
12 (p) sickle cell disease including but not limited to screening,  
13 prevention, and treatment information. The program shall include an  
14 advisory council under this section that shall include patients with  
15 sickle cell disease and their families and health care providers  
16 specializing in treating sickle cell disease, among others.  
17 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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