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IN SENATE

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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:

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2803-z to read as follows:

§ 2803-z. Sickle cell disease information distribution. The commissioner shall design an informational packet about sickle cell disease, including screening, prevention, and treatment information. Every general hospital shall distribute the packet to every patient, or, if the patient lacks capacity to make health care decisions, to a person who has authority to make health care decisions for the patient who is suspected to be at high risk of inheriting sickle cell disease.

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 207 of the public health law is amended by adding a new paragraph (p) to read as follows:

(p) sickle cell disease including but not limited to screening, prevention, and treatment information. The program shall include an advisory council under this section that shall include patients with sickle cell disease and their families and health care providers specializing in treating sickle cell disease, among others.

§ 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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