

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

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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 allowing physician assistants to serve as primary care practitioners for purposes of Medicaid managed care plans

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 1 of section 364-j of the  
2 social services law, as amended by chapter 649 of the laws of 1996, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (f) "Primary care practitioner". A physician, physician assistant, or  
5 nurse practitioner providing primary care to and management of the  
6 medical and health care services of a participant served by a managed  
7 care provider.

8 § 2. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of section  
9 364-j of the social services law, as amended by section 14 of part C of  
10 chapter 58 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

11 (i) a managed care provider shall arrange for access to and enrollment  
12 of primary care practitioners and other medical services providers. Each  
13 managed care provider shall possess the expertise and sufficient  
14 resources to assure the delivery of quality medical care to participants  
15 in an appropriate and timely manner and may include physicians, physi-  
16 cian assistants, nurse practitioners, county health departments, provid-  
17 ers of comprehensive health service plans licensed pursuant to article  
18 forty-four of the public health law, and hospitals and diagnostic and  
19 treatment centers licensed pursuant to article twenty-eight of the  
20 public health law or otherwise authorized by law to offer comprehensive  
21 health services or facilities licensed pursuant to articles sixteen,  
22 thirty-one and thirty-two of the mental hygiene law.

23 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that  
24 the amendments to section 364-j of the social services law made by  
25 sections one and two of this act shall not affect the repeal of such  
26 section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

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

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