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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing the clinical trial access and education fund

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 2424 to read as follows:

§ 2424. Clinical trial access and education fund. 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

a. "Eligible applicant" means (i) a medical school that sponsors a clinical trial, (ii) a not-for-profit organization with experience and expertise working with patients with life-threatening or disabling conditions or diseases, (iii) a health care provider organization, association or society, (iv) a general hospital defined in article twenty-eight of this chapter, (v) a county or city health department, or (vi) a municipality.

b. "Clinical trial" shall have the same meaning as in subdivision two-b of section forty-nine hundred of this chapter.

c. "Ancillary costs" means costs associated with participation in a clinical trial, including but not limited to costs for:

(i) travel;

(ii) lodging;

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

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1 (iii) parking and tolls;
2 (iv) a travel companion to assist patients who are elderly, very
3 young, or too ill to travel alone; and
4 (v) other costs considered appropriate jointly by the department, the
5 service providing organization and the trial site.

6 2. Establishment of fund. There is hereby established within the
7 department a clinical trial access and education fund. Subject to appro-
8 priations, the department shall provide grants to eligible applicants on
9 a competitive request for proposal basis to provide one or more of the
10 following services to patients with life-threatening or disabling condi-
11 tions or diseases, as such terms are defined in section forty-nine
12 hundred of this chapter, to facilitate access to or education on clin-
13 ical trials of treatments for the patient's condition or disease:

14 a. transportation services and lodging to provide patients with access
15 to clinical trials or other related treatments while enrolled in a clin-
16 ical trial or to access testing and other services to determine patient
17 eligibility for a clinical trial;

18 b. patient outreach and education services to educate patients, their
19 families and health care providers about the existence of and how
20 patients may enroll in clinical trials, under section two hundred seven
21 of this chapter; and

22 c. patient navigation services to help patients to determine if they
23 are eligible for clinical trials, to help patients to enroll in clinical
24 trials and to assist patients in dealing with insurance or other issues
25 which serve as barriers to patient enrollment in clinical trials.

26 3. Applications. a. The commissioner shall establish an application
27 process by which eligible applicants may apply for a grant under this
28 section. The application shall include:

29 (i) the geographic area in which the services shall be provided;

30 (ii) a detailed description of the services to be provided;

31 (iii) applicant's experience working with patients with life-threaten-
32 ing or disabling conditions or diseases;

33 (iv) applicant's ability to provide patient outreach or clinical trial
34 education and navigation services, or coordinate or provide transporta-
35 tion and lodging for patients; and

36 (v) any other information that the commissioner deems relevant and
37 appropriate.

38 b. Eligible applicants shall:

39 (i) have experience and expertise working with patients with life-
40 threatening or disabling conditions or diseases;

41 (ii) provide patient outreach, education and health care navigation
42 services;

43 (iii) collaborate with physicians, health care providers, and clinical
44 trial sponsors to notify a prospective subject about the program when:

45 (1) the prospective subject consents to a clinical trial; and

46 (2) funding is available to provide the program for the clinical trial
47 in which the prospective subject participates; and

48 (iv) reimburse subjects based on financial need to subjects whose
49 income is at or below seven hundred percent of the federal poverty
50 level, which shall include reimbursement for reasonable ancillary costs.

51 4. Institutional review board requirements. A reimbursement program
52 under this section shall:

53 a. be approved by the institutional review board associated with the
54 clinical trial; and

55 b. comply with applicable federal and state laws.

1 5. Reimbursement. Reimbursement to a subject of ancillary costs under
2 the program:

3 a. does not constitute an undue inducement to participate in a clin-
4 ical trial;

5 b. is not considered coercion or the exertion of undue influence to
6 participate in a clinical trial; and

7 c. is meant to accomplish parity in access to clinical trials and
8 remove barriers to participation in clinical trials for financially
9 burdened subjects.

10 6. Reports. Grantees shall file an annual report with the commission-
11 er, in such form and with such information and data as the commissioner
12 prescribes detailing the expenditure of grant funds and summarizing the
13 efforts undertaken to increase patient access to clinical trials.

14 7. Regulations. The commissioner shall make regulations reasonably
15 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.