

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 11, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. FALL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend a chapter of the laws of 2021 relating to directing the commissioner of health to conduct a study of the delivery of ambulatory and other medical care in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in relation to healthcare facilities to be studied and the delivery of a report

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

1 Section 1. Section 1 of a chapter of the laws of 2021 relating to
2 directing the commissioner of health to conduct a study of the delivery
3 of ambulatory and other medical care in response to the COVID-19 pandem-
4 ic, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6375 and A. 5713, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 1. a. The commissioner of health shall conduct a study of the
7 delivery of primary care, urgent care, and commonly used ambulatory
8 health care services in this state in response to the COVID-19 pandemic,
9 including the current situation and expected trends for the future.

10 Entities to be studied shall include [~~clinics operating within or spon-~~
11 ~~sored by pharmacies and other retail businesses (retail clinics), ambu-~~
12 ~~latory health care offices open for extended hours without an appoint-~~
13 ~~ment (urgent care centers), and major ambulatory health care practices~~
14 ~~(whether in one location or multiple locations) whose health care~~
15 ~~professionals are linked directly or indirectly in an economic relation-~~
16 ~~ship,~~] the following types of health care facilities licensed under

17 article twenty-eight of the public health law: federally qualified
18 health centers, community health centers, general hospital ambulatory
19 care clinics, and other [~~ambulatory care~~] diagnostic and treatment
20 centers. Entities to be studied shall not include ambulatory surgery
21 centers or office-based surgery practices.

22 b. The study shall examine the impact of the respective entities on
23 the delivery, quality, accessibility, and cost of ambulatory health care
24 in this state. The commissioner shall make recommendations to improve

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

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1 the delivery, quality, accessibility, and cost of the full range of
2 ambulatory health care services required by communities in this state.

3 c. During the study the operator of [~~a clinic,~~ an urgent care[~~,~~
4 ~~and/or such major ambulatory health care practice~~ center not licensed
5 under article twenty-eight of the public health law shall give a 30-day
6 notice to the department of health and locally elected officials before
7 a closure[~~,~~ or relocation [~~or decertification~~].

8 d. The commissioner of health shall report and publish on the depart-
9 ment of health's website, and transmit the commissioner's findings and
10 recommendations to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the minor-
11 ity leader of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate and
12 the minority leader of the senate on or before [~~one year~~ two years from
13 the date this act shall take effect.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
15 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2021 relating to directing the
16 commissioner of health to conduct a study of the delivery of ambulatory
17 and other medical care in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as proposed
18 in legislative bills numbers S. 6375 and A. 5713, takes effect.