

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

January 19, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing the office of hospice and palliative care access and quality

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 4003 to read as follows:

3 § 4003. Director of hospice and palliative care access and quality. 1.  
4 The office of hospice and palliative care access and quality is hereby  
5 created within the department. The commissioner shall appoint a director  
6 of the office and may employ such assistants and personnel as are neces-  
7 sary to carry out the provisions of this article.

8 2. The office shall have the following powers and duties:

9 (a) to improve patient care for individuals with chronic or life-lim-  
10 iting illnesses;

11 (b) to facilitate communication between the department and hospice and  
12 palliative care providers;

13 (c) to raise awareness and access to hospice and palliative care  
14 services;

15 (d) to identify and eliminate barriers to such services; and

16 (e) to ensure equitable access to hospice and palliative care services  
17 by underrepresented communities across New York State.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
19 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-  
20 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-  
21 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and  
22 completed on or before such effective date.

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

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