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 -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to medical assistance coverage for medically tailored meals and medical nutrition therapy for the purpose of disease management

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 365-a of the social services law is amended by adding a new paragraph (jj) to read as follows:

(jj) medically tailored meals and medical nutrition therapy. As used in this paragraph, "medically tailored meals and medical nutrition therapy" means nutritional assessment, nutritional therapy, and nutritional counseling provided by a certified dietician or certified nutritionist, including the provision of any food indicated by the nutritional assessment and the delivery of such food, ordered by a health care professional acting within his or her lawful scope of practice under title eight of the education law, for the purpose of treating one or more chronic conditions for an individual who is limited in his or her activities of daily living; and provided that there is federal financial participation in the costs of services provided under this paragraph.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the commissioner of health shall adopt regulations and take other actions reasonably necessary to implement this act on that date.

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

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