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Introduced by Sens. SKOUFIS, MAY, 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 requiring adult care facilities to include quality assurance committees and include a focus on infection control in such facilities' quality assurance plans

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of section 461-a of the
2 social services law, as amended by chapter 735 of the laws of 1994, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (c) An inspection report shall be made of each inspection which shall
5 clearly identify and indicate in detail each area of operation, includ-
6 ing, but not limited to, the premises, equipment, personnel, resident
7 care and services, and whether each such area of operation or any of its
8 component parts is or is not in compliance with the regulations of the
9 department and all other applicable requirements. It also shall identify
10 those areas of operation or any of its component parts found not in
11 compliance as a result of failure in systemic practices and procedures.
12 The operator shall be notified of the results of the inspection in a
13 manner to be determined by regulations of the department. Such notifica-
14 tion shall contain directions as may be appropriate as to the manner and
15 time in which compliance with applicable requirements of law or regu-
16 lations of the department shall be effected. The department shall also
17 require the operator of an adult home or residence for adults to devel-
18 op, biannually update and implement plans for quality assurance activ-
19 ities for each area of operation. Quality assurance activities include
20 but are not limited to, development and maintenance of performance stan-
21 dards including infection control, measurement of adherence to such
22 standards and to applicable state and local laws and regulations, iden-
23 tification of performance failures, design, and implementation of
24 corrective action. Each plan must also include the creation of a quality

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

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1 assurance committee that is charged with meeting periodically to review
2 findings from monitoring activities, evaluating the effectiveness of
3 corrective actions, and identifying trends and improvement activities.
4 Such committee shall include the administrator or operator of the facil-
5 ity, the resident council president or other resident representative,
6 representatives of family members of residents, and representatives from
7 frontline employees from each area of operation.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
9 have become a law.