

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

January 6, 2021

Introduced by Sens. KAPLAN, BENJAMIN, BROUK, GAUGHRAN, SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring certain information about the facility to be included in the informational material provided to prospective maternity patients at all hospitals and birth centers

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (m) of subdivision 2 of section 2803-j of the  
2 public health law, as amended by chapter 431 of the laws of 2004, is  
3 amended and six new paragraphs (n), (o), (p), (q), (r) and (s) are added  
4 to read as follows:

5 (m) whether rooming-in is available in the facility, on the basis of  
6 twenty-four hours a day or daytime[-];

7 (n) whether the facility conducts safety drills to prepare for obstet-  
8 ric emergencies;

9 (o) whether the facility participates in quality improvement initi-  
10 atives;

11 (p) whether the facility has an agreement and policy to arrange for  
12 emergent transfer of care for critically ill pregnant people/infants to  
13 higher levels of care;

14 (q) whether the facility has a written community needs assessment plan  
15 to reduce racial disparities and address community needs;

16 (r) whether the facility offers, upon patient request, an autopsy for  
17 stillbirth; and

18 (s) whether the facility offers bereavement support for patients that  
19 have suffered a stillbirth or third trimester fetal loss.

20 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
21 it shall have become a law.

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

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