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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. PARKER, BAILEY, HOYLMAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to establishing the community chemical dependency services expansion program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 22.13 to read as follows:

§ 22.13 Community chemical dependency services expansion program.

(a) Community chemical dependency services expansion funds shall be annually allocated by the commissioner based upon the following criteria:

1. the efficiency and effectiveness of the use of funding within the local governmental unit for the delivery of services to persons with serious chemical dependency in order to assure that resources are made available to persons in the community;

2. provisions that grantees of such funds for the provision of chemical dependency detoxification services shall have a mechanism to link all clients receiving detoxification services to ongoing treatment for chemical dependency immediately upon the conclusion of their detoxification; and

3. other relevant factors that require the maintenance of existing chemical dependency services and the development of new chemical dependency services.

(b) Amounts provided pursuant to this section shall only be used to fund chemical dependency treatment services, including detoxification services, and associated local governmental unit administrative expenses such as approved net operating cost, fee-for-service reimbursement, or

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

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1 other financial mechanisms designed to achieve increased quality and
2 cost effectiveness.

3 (c) Funds shall be distributed pursuant to this section to local
4 governmental units in proportion to each unit's unmet need for chemical
5 dependency treatment services, as established by the office, except that
6 in distributing such funds, the commissioner shall consider the extent
7 to which each local governmental unit has maintained local contributions
8 for expenditures of chemical dependency services made pursuant to this
9 section in any fiscal year at a level equal to or greater than the
10 amount expended for such services by such local governmental unit in
11 the last completed fiscal year preceding that fiscal year.

12 (d) The commissioner is authorized and empowered to make inspections
13 and examine records of a local governmental unit receiving state aid
14 under this section or a provider of services funded pursuant to subdivi-
15 sion (b) of this section. Such examination shall include all medical,
16 service and financial records, receipts, disbursements, contracts, loans
17 and other moneys relating to the financial operation of the provider.

18 (e) The amount of community chemical dependency services expansion
19 funds for the office shall be determined in the annual budget and shall
20 include the amount of general fund appropriation reductions attributable
21 to reductions in medical assistance expenditures for medically managed
22 chemical dependency detoxification. Such reductions shall be calculated
23 by comparing medical assistance expenditures for medically managed chem-
24 ical dependency detoxification in the base year with the same expendi-
25 tures in the state fiscal year immediately preceding the base year. For
26 purposes of this section, the base year shall be the state fiscal year
27 in which the executive budget is issued. In computing such general fund
28 expenditures, and in computing the state share of medical assistance
29 pursuant to this section, the state share of medical assistance in
30 effect on January first, two thousand five shall be used.

31 (f) For purposes of this section, the definitions contained in section
32 41.03 of this chapter shall apply, except that chemical dependency
33 treatment services shall not include medically managed detoxification
34 provided in general hospitals licensed pursuant to article twenty-eight
35 of the public health law.

36 (g) No provision in this section shall create or be deemed to create
37 any right, interest or entitlement to services or funds that are the
38 subject of this section, or to any other services or funds, whether to
39 individuals, localities, providers or others, individually or collec-
40 tively.

41 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
42 deemed repealed March 31, 2025.