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Introduced by Sen. SAVINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT in relation to directing the commissioner of health to conduct a study of the delivery of ambulatory and other medical care in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

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

Section 1. a. The commissioner of health shall conduct a study of the delivery of primary care, urgent care, and commonly used ambulatory health care services in this state in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the current situation and expected trends for the future. Entities to be studied shall include clinics operating within or sponsored by pharmacies and other retail businesses (retail clinics), ambulatory health care offices open for extended hours without an appointment (urgent care centers), and major ambulatory health care practices (whether in one location or multiple locations) whose health care professionals are linked directly or indirectly in an economic relationship, federally qualified health centers, community health centers, general hospital ambulatory care clinics, and other ambulatory care centers. Entities to be studied shall not include ambulatory surgery centers or office-based surgery practices.

b. The study shall examine the impact of the respective entities on the delivery, quality, accessibility, and cost of ambulatory health care in this state. The commissioner shall make recommendations to improve the delivery, quality, accessibility, and cost of the full range of ambulatory health care services required by communities in this state.

c. During the study the operator of a clinic, urgent care, and/or such major ambulatory health care practice shall give a 30-day notice to the department of health and locally elected officials before a closure, relocation or decertification.

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

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d. The commissioner of health shall report and publish on the department of health's website, and transmit the commissioner's findings and recommendations to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate and the minority leader of the senate on or before one year from the date this act shall take effect.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.