STATE OF NEW YORK

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Cal. No. 549

IN SENATE

January 19, 2022

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse -- 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 mental hygiene law, in relation to reimbursement for non-medical transportation for individuals with a substance use disorder to receive services from a peer

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 19.18-d to read as follows:

§ 19.18-d Reimbursement for peer and transportation services.

The office shall establish reimbursement rates for non-medical transportation for individuals with a substance use disorder to receive services from a peer certified by the office of addiction services and supports. As part of the development of such rates, the office, in consultation with the department of health, shall pursue federal Medicaid participation and reimbursement. The office shall also consider the use of any federal grants, including state opioid response grants and supplemental substance abuse prevention and treatment block grants, to support such reimbursement. Such reimbursement rates shall be established by January first, two thousand twenty-three.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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