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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing a drug-induced movement disorder screening education program

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new article 2-C to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2-C
DRUG-INDUCED MOVEMENT DISORDER SCREENING EDUCATION PROGRAM

Section 295. Drug-induced movement disorder screening education program.

§ 295. Drug-induced movement disorder screening education program. 1. There is hereby established in the department, in consultation with the office of mental health, a drug-induced movement disorder screening education program. The purpose of the program shall be to educate the public, healthcare professionals, mental health professionals, public safety officials, and public health officials about the importance of screening for drug-induced movement disorders, develop guidance on clinical standards for treating drug-induced movement disorders, and eliminate bias and reduction of stigma for people living with drug-induced movement disorders related to the treatment of mental health conditions.

2. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Drug-induced movement disorders" means a range of drug reactions characterized by involuntary or otherwise abnormal motor function including, but not limited to, tardive dyskinesia, medication-induced parkinsonism, neuroleptic malignant syndrome, medication-induced acute dystonia, medication-induced acute akathisia, tardive akathisia, and medication-induced postural tremor.

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

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(b) "Program" means the drug-induced movement disorder screening education program established pursuant to subdivision one of this section.

(c) "Telehealth" shall have the same meaning as defined by section twenty-nine hundred ninety-nine-cc of this chapter.

3. Such program shall:

(a) Identify existing resources for identifying and screening for drug-induced movement disorders;

(b) Develop, publish and distribute guidance, trainings and best practice documents for healthcare and mental health professionals for the screening and treatment of drug-induced movement disorders in alignment with clinical standards of care;

(c) Develop educational materials for patients and providers on the importance of screening for drug-induced movement disorders, make such educational materials available through local departments of health and mental hygiene, and on the websites of the department and the office of mental health;

(d) Create an educational campaign to raise awareness and combat the stigma associated with drug-induced movement disorders caused by treating mental health conditions; and

(e) Develop educational materials and training programs for law enforcement and public safety officials to assist them in recognizing drug-induced movement disorders.

4. The department shall periodically review available data and clinical standards of care for the symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment of drug-induced movement disorders and update the guidance, trainings, best practice documents, and educational materials required under subdivision three of this section.

5. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of the office of mental health, the commissioner of the office of addiction services and supports, the commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities, and the commissioner of the division of criminal justice services, shall promulgate any rules and regulations which may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.

6. Implementation of this act shall be subject to, and conducted within, appropriations made therefor.

7. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of mental health, shall promulgate rules and/or regulations to ensure that the use of telehealth for patients at risk of developing drug-induced movement disorders, including persons treated with antipsychotic medications for mental health conditions, align with existing clinical standards of care. Such standards of care shall include consideration of the most appropriate clinical approach for different disease states, ensure that screenings for drug-induced movement disorders conducted via telehealth, including via audio-only technology, meet existing clinical standards of care, and consideration of how best to balance periodic in-person visits with telehealth to ensure proper screening for drug-induced movement disorders.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.