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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring the distribution of an information card or sheet with Schedule II opioids

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3-a of section 3309 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 504 of the laws of 2019 and paragraphs (c) and (d) as amended by chapter 741 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

3-a. Any distribution of opioid antagonists **or opioids listed under Schedule II of section thirty-three hundred six of this title** through this program shall include an informational card or sheet. The informational card or sheet shall include, at a minimum, information on:

(a) how to recognize symptoms of an opioid overdose;

(b) steps to take prior to and after an opioid antagonist is administered, including calling first responders;

(c) **opioid addiction and withdrawal symptoms;**

(d) safe disposal and storage measures for opioids and opioid antagonists;

(e) the number for the toll free office of addiction services and supports' HOPE line;

[~~(d)~~] **(f)** how to access the office of addiction services and supports' website;

[~~(e)~~] **(g)** the application of good samaritan protections provided in section three thousand-a of this chapter; and

[~~(f)~~] **(h)** any other information deemed relevant by the commissioner.

The educational card shall be provided in languages other than English as deemed appropriate by the commissioner. The department shall make such informational cards available to the opioid overdose prevention programs.

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

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§ 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.