

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring the health care and wellness education and outreach program of the department of health

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 207 of the public health law is
2 amended by adding a new paragraph (s) to read as follows:

3 (s) The program shall post on the department's website educational
4 information on pressure ulcers for the purpose of advancing recognition
5 in home-based settings and timely treatment. The website shall provide
6 information for the purposes of educating the public and that will be
7 helpful for family members and others who provide home-based care for
8 individuals who are susceptible to developing pressure ulcers. The
9 website shall also include information for family members of patients in
10 hospitals and nursing homes. The information posted shall include images
11 of pressure ulcers, links to useful resources, and the following educa-
12 tional information:

13 (i) an overview of what pressure ulcers are, and how and where on the
14 body they develop;

15 (b) which individuals are susceptible to developing pressure ulcers;

16 (c) descriptions of the stages of pressure ulcers and associated
17 health risks;

18 (d) information on how to prevent the development of pressure ulcers;

19 (e) information on how to treat pressure ulcers at home and when to
20 seek medical care; and

21 (f) references to federal and state regulations and standards of prac-
22 tice regarding identification, treatment, and reporting of pressure
23 ulcers developed by patients in hospitals and nursing homes, including
24 requirements to inform family members or other authorized represen-
25 tatives.

26 § 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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