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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. SCARCELLA-SPANTON, BROUK, SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Insurance -- recommitted to the Committee on Insurance in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to requiring insurance policies to provide coverage for transvaginal ultrasounds during pregnancy

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

Section 1. Paragraph 10 of subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (C) to read as follows:

(C) Coverage provided under this paragraph for care and treatment during pregnancy shall include medically necessary transvaginal ultrasounds when recommended by nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines. For the purposes of this subparagraph, "nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines" means evidence-based clinical practice guidelines informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits, and risks of alternative care options intended to optimize patient care developed by independent organizations or medical professional societies utilizing a transparent methodology and reporting structure and with a conflict of interest policy.

§ 2. Paragraph 5 of subsection (k) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (C) to read as follows:

(C) Coverage provided under this paragraph for care and treatment during pregnancy shall include medically necessary transvaginal ultrasounds when recommended by nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines. For the purposes of this subparagraph, "nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines" means evidence-based clinical practice guidelines informed by a systematic review of evidence and an

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

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assessment of the benefits, and risks of alternative care options intended to optimize patient care developed by independent organizations or medical professional societies utilizing a transparent methodology and reporting structure and with a conflict of interest policy.

§ 3. Paragraph 1 of subsection (c) of section 4303 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (D) to read as follows:

(D) Coverage provided under this paragraph for care and treatment during pregnancy shall include medically necessary transvaginal ultrasounds when recommended by nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines. For the purposes of this subparagraph, "nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines" means evidence-based clinical practice guidelines informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits, and risks of alternative care options intended to optimize patient care developed by independent organizations or medical professional societies utilizing a transparent methodology and reporting structure and with a conflict of interest policy.

§ 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026 and shall apply to any policy or contract issued, renewed, modified, altered, or amended on or after such date.