STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 28, 2024

Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing a sickle cell education and mapping 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 section 2500-m to read as follows:

§ 2500-m. Sickle cell disease education and mapping program. 1. For the purposes of this section, "approved organization" shall mean an organization approved by the commissioner, to provide services under this subdivision. Such organizations shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) a hospital licensed under article twenty-eight of this chapter;

(b) a health maintenance organization licensed under article forty-three of the insurance law or certified under article forty-four of this chapter;

(c) an organization with program expertise in sickle cell disease related issues;

(d) a county or city health department; or

(e) any combination of the above.

2. The commissioner is hereby authorized to create a sickle cell disease education and mapping program. This program is established to promote the screening and detection of sickle cell disease, educate the public regarding sickle cell disease, provide counseling and referral services and map locations of occurrence of sickle cell disease.

3. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations concerning the education and mapping program, such education and mapping program shall:

(a) establish a statewide public education and outreach campaign to publicize sickle cell disease detection and education services, such campaign shall include: general community education, sickle cell disease screening services, information on the extent of coverage available for

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

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such services by health insurance, any available medical assistance programs and other public and private programs;

(b) compile data concerning sickle cell disease detection, including an education and mapping that lists such frequency of the occurrence of sickle cell disease in various locations in the state and dissemination of such data to the public on the department's website;

(c) consult with approved organizations regarding local sickle cell disease screening services, counseling and referral services within the approved organization's region, to better provide notice of such services for the public; and

(d) provide data for the development of health care education programs to diagnose and treat sickle cell disease by providing such frequency of the occurrence of sickle cell disease in various locations in the state.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.