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

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

6 3. Such program shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 6. Implementation of this act shall be subject to, and conducted with-
36 in, appropriations made therefor.

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

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