STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to requiring insurers to provide information on resources for insureds or enrollees recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease

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

Section 1. The insurance law is amended by adding a new section 339-a to read as follows:

§ 339-a. Alzheimer's disease resource notification. The superintendent shall require an insurer authorized to write accident and health insurance in this state, a corporation organized pursuant to article forty-three of this chapter, and a health maintenance organization certified pursuant to article forty-four of the public health law to provide insureds and enrollees written informational resources regarding Alzheimer's disease no later than sixty days after being notified, through claims data or by the insured or enrollee, of such insured or enrollee's diagnosis with Alzheimer's disease. The informational resources shall be delivered by United States postal mail unless the insured or enrollee consents to another method of notification, including electronic notification. Such resources shall include:

(a) written information about Alzheimer's disease, including information on the range of physical, developmental, educational, and psychosocial outcomes for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease, that:

(1) is up-to-date, evidence-based, and culturally and linguistically appropriate for the individual; and

(2) was developed by:

(i) medical experts or representatives of national medical or genetics organizations; and

(ii) disability experts or representatives of patient advocacy groups; and

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

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(b) contact information for one or more organizations that specialize in support for people with Alzheimer's disease, such as the Alzheimer's Association.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.