STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 6, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to rural ambulance support

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

Section 1. Section 365-h of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

7. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, and subject to federal financial participation, the commissioner of health shall make adjustments to payments under this section, for the purposes of providing increased access to Medicaid Basic Life Support, Advanced Life Support Level 1, Advanced Life Support Level 2, and Specialty Care Transport in rural communities. For purposes of this section, "rural communities" includes any city, town, or village with a population density less than two hundred fifty people per square mile located within a county with a population of less than three hundred thousand people and a population density of two hundred fifty people per square mile. Up to ten million dollars shall be available for such purposes pursuant to this subdivision.

§ 2. Section 365-h of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

4. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, and subject to federal financial participation, the commissioner of health shall make adjustments to payments under this section, for the purposes of providing increased access to Medicaid Basic Life Support, Advanced Life Support Level 1, Advanced Life Support Level 2, and Specialty Care Transport in rural communities. For purposes of this section, "rural communities" includes any city, town, or village with a population density less than two hundred fifty people per square mile located within a county with a population of less than three hundred thousand people and a population density of two hundred fifty people per square mile. Up to ten million dollars shall be available for such purposes pursuant to this subdivision.

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

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§ 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2024; provided, however, that the amendments to section 365-h of the social services law made by section one of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such section pursuant to subdivision (a) of section 40 of part B of chapter 109 of the laws of 2010, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section two of this act shall take effect.