

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

February 26, 2024

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- 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 grants for geriatric emergency departments; and in relation to grants from the health care facility transformation program

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "age-  
2 friendly health system enhancement act of 2024".  
3 § 2. Subdivision 8 of section 2825-g of the public health law, as  
4 added by section 1 of part K of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022, is  
5 amended to read as follows:  
6 8. Selection of awards made by the department pursuant to subdivisions  
7 three, four, five, six and seven of this section shall be contingent on  
8 an evaluation process acceptable to the commissioner and approved by the  
9 director of the division of the budget. Disbursement of awards may be  
10 contingent on the health care provider as defined in subdivision two of  
11 this section achieving certain process and performance metrics and mile-  
12 stones that are structured to ensure that the goals of the project are  
13 achieved. Such evaluation process shall include a preference for enti-  
14 ties that are designated as "age-friendly" by the Institute for Health-  
15 care Improvement (IHI).  
16 § 3. Subdivision 5 of section 2825-h of the public health law, as  
17 added by section 1 of part P of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is  
18 amended to read as follows:  
19 5. Selection of awards made by the department pursuant to subdivisions  
20 three and four of this section shall be contingent on an evaluation  
21 process acceptable to the commissioner and approved by the director of  
22 the division of the budget. Disbursement of awards shall be conditioned  
23 on the awardee achieving certain process and performance metrics and  
24 milestones as determined by the commissioner. Such metrics and mile-  
25 stones shall be structured to ensure that the goals of the project are  
26 achieved, and such metrics and milestones shall be included in grant  
27 disbursement agreements or other contractual documents as required by

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

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1 the commissioner. Such evaluation process shall include a preference for  
2 entities that are designated as "age-friendly" by the Institute for  
3 Healthcare Improvement (IHI).

4 § 4. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2831 to  
5 read as follows:

6 § 2831. Geriatric emergency departments. Subject to an appropriation  
7 therefor, the commissioner shall award accredited level two geriatric  
8 emergency departments in the state a grant of five hundred thousand  
9 dollars per year for three years with the condition that each department  
10 grantee shall reach level one status within twenty-four months of  
11 receiving the first grant award.

12 § 5. Subdivision 1 of section 206 of the public health law is amended  
13 by adding a new paragraph (w) to read as follows:

14 (w) establish, in conjunction with the office for the aging, a center  
15 for technical assistance in relation to age-friendly health systems.  
16 Such center shall be a public-private entity and shall utilize outside  
17 entities including but not limited to the Institute for Healthcare  
18 Improvement.

19 § 6. The section heading of section 2995-b of the public health law,  
20 as added by chapter 542 of the laws of 2000, is amended and a new subdi-  
21 vision 4 is added to read as follows:

22 Hospital [~~report cards~~] performance data.

23 4. Special designations. Using criteria developed from data collected  
24 pursuant to this section and other criteria, the department shall desiq-  
25 nate hospitals that are well equipped in terms of expertise and technol-  
26 ogy to provide certain types of care including stroke centers, trauma  
27 centers, regional perinatal centers, burn centers, sexual assault foren-  
28 sic examiner (SAFE) programs and age-friendly designated hospitals.

29 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
30 the implementation of the provisions of section four of this act shall  
31 be subject to the appropriation of moneys specifically for the purposes  
32 thereof.