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AN ACT to amend part H of chapter 59 of the laws of 2011 amending the public health law and other laws relating to general hospital reimbursement for annual rates, in relation to quarterly assessment of known and projected department of health state fund medicaid expenditures (Part A); to amend chapter 165 of the laws of 1991, amending the public health law and other laws relating to establishing payments for medical assistance, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend chapter 710 of the laws of 1988, amending the social services law and the education law relating to medical assistance eligibility of certain persons and providing for managed medical care demonstration programs, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend chapter 904 of the laws of 1984, amending the public health law and the social services law relating to encouraging comprehensive health services, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend part X2 of chapter 62 of the laws of 2003, amending the public health law relating to allowing for the use of funds of the office of professional medical conduct for activities of the patient health information and quality improvement act of 2000, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend part H of chapter 59 of the laws of 2011, amending the public health law relating to the statewide health information network of New York and the statewide planning and research cooperative system and general powers and duties, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend part A of chapter 58 of the laws of 2008, amending the elder law and other laws relating to reimbursement to participating provider pharmacies and prescription drug coverage, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend chapter 81 of the laws of 1995, amending the public health law and other laws relating

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to medical reimbursement and welfare reform, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend the social services law, in relation to the effectiveness of certain provisions relating to negotiation of supplemental rebates relating to medication assisted treatment; to amend part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2015, amending the social services law and other laws relating to supplemental rebates, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend part KK of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020, amending the public health law relating to the designation of statewide general hospital quality and sole community pools and the reduction of capital related inpatient expenses, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend chapter 779 of the laws of 1986, amending the social services law relating to authorizing services for non-residents in adult homes, residences for adults and enriched housing programs, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend part R of chapter 59 of the laws of 2016, amending the public health law and the education law relating to electronic prescriptions, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend the public health law, in relation to amending and extending the voluntary indigent care pool; to amend part H of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, amending the public health law relating to waiver of certain regulations, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022, amending the public health law and the education law relating to allowing pharmacists to direct limited service laboratories and order and administer COVID-19 and influenza tests and modernizing nurse practitioners, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend chapter 21 of the laws of 2011, amending the education law relating to authorizing pharmacists to perform collaborative drug therapy management with physicians in certain settings, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend chapter 520 of the laws of 2024, amending the education law and the public health law relating to amending physician assistant practice standards, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend part V of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022, amending the public health law and the insurance law relating to reimbursement for commercial and Medicaid services provided via telehealth, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and to amend part II of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016 amending part C of chapter 58 of the laws of 2005 relating to authorizing reimbursements for expenditures made by or on behalf of social services districts for medical assistance for needy persons and administration thereof, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and to amend part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2018, amending the social services law and the public health law relating to health homes and the penalties for managed care providers, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part B); to amend the public health law, in relation to extending certain provisions relating to the distribution of pool allocations; to amend part A3 of chapter 62 of the laws of 2003 amending the public health law and other laws relating to enacting major components necessary to implement the state fiscal plan for the 2003-04 state fiscal year, in relation to extending the effectiveness of provisions thereof; to amend the New York Health Care Reform Act of 1996, in relation to extending certain provisions relating thereto; to amend the New York Health Care Reform Act of 2000, in relation to extending the effectiveness of provisions thereof; to amend the public health law and the state finance law, in relation to making technical corrections; to amend the public health law, in relation to extending certain provisions relating to health care initiative pool distributions; to

amend the social services law, in relation to extending payment provisions for general hospitals; to amend the public health law, in relation to extending certain provisions relating to the assessments on covered lives; and to repeal certain provisions of section 2807-m of the public health law, relating to the distribution of the professional education pools (Part C); to amend chapter 266 of the laws of 1986 amending the civil practice law and rules and other laws relating to malpractice and professional medical conduct, in relation to insurance coverage paid for by funds from the hospital excess liability pool and extending the effectiveness of certain provisions thereof; to amend part J of chapter 63 of the laws of 2001 amending chapter 266 of the laws of 1986 amending the civil practice law and rules and other laws relating to malpractice and professional medical conduct, in relation to extending certain provisions concerning the hospital excess liability pool; and to amend part H of chapter 57 of the laws of 2017 amending the New York Health Care Reform Act of 1996 and other laws relating to extending certain provisions relating thereto, in relation to extending provisions relating to excess coverage (Part D); to repeal certain provisions of the social services law relating to adult living programs for adult care facilities and enriched housing in adult care facilities; and to repeal certain provisions of the public health law relating to the tick-borne disease institute; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating to compliance plans regarding the working conditions and hours for certain employees and trainees in general hospitals (Part E); to amend the state finance law, in relation to approval to spend moneys of the Percy T. Phillips educational foundation of the Dental Society of the state of New York fund; to amend part JJ of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025 amending the public health law relating to reporting pregnancy losses and clarifying which agencies are responsible for such reports, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend part P of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025 amending the public health law relating to requiring hospitals to provide stabilizing care to pregnant individuals, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend the public health law, in relation to making technical corrections thereto; to amend the social services law, in relation to the look-back period for medical assistance; and to amend the insurance law, in relation to referencing the continuing care retirement community council (Part F); to amend the public health law, in relation to modifying definitions related to automated external defibrillators (AEDs), designating the department of health as the entity that may authorize the acquisition of AEDs, modifying requirements for public access defibrillation providers, and establishing requirements that providers of AEDs notify the receivers of their responsibilities (Part G); to amend the public health law, in relation to requirements for notices of material transactions (Part H); to amend the public health law, in relation to Medical Indemnity Fund reimbursement rates (Part I); to amend the public health law, in relation to temporary health care services agencies (Part J); to amend the public health law, in relation to approval to operate a mobile integrated and community paramedicine program; to amend chapter 137 of the laws of 2023 amending the public health law relating to establishing a community-based paramedicine demonstration program, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend the public health law, in relation to the definition of "emergency medical service"; to amend the education law, in relation to authorizing certified nurse practitioners and licensed physicians to prescribe and order a non-patient

specific regimen for administering immunizations to an emergency medical services practitioner; and to amend the public health law, in relation to extending hospital services outside the facility and into patients' residences (Part K); to amend the public health law, in relation to restoring prior enacted nursing home capital rate reductions; and to amend the social services law, in relation to premiums for the Medicaid buy-in for working persons with disabilities (Part L); to amend the social services law, in relation to the amount payable for certain services provided to eligible persons who are also eligible for medical assistance or are also qualified medicare beneficiaries; to amend the public health law, in relation to extending the cooling off period for health maintenance organization plan contracts with hospitals from two months to one hundred twenty days; to amend the social services law, in relation to clarifying Medicaid requirements for biomarker testing; and to repeal certain provisions of such laws relating thereto (Part M); to amend education law and the public health law, in relation to the scope and practice of medical assistants (Subpart A); to amend the education law and the public health law, in relation to the scope of practice of certified nurse aides; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof (Subpart B); to amend the education law, the vehicle and traffic law, and the judiciary law, in relation to authorizing qualified health care providers acting in their scope of practice to evaluate certain health issues (Subpart C); to amend the education law and the public health law, in relation to transferring all functions, powers, duties, obligations and appropriations relating to the governance of certain healthcare professions; to amend the business corporation law, the limited liability company law, the partnership law, the social services law, and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to making conforming changes; to repeal article 131-A of the education law and certain provisions of such law and the public health law relating thereto (Subpart D); and to amend the education law and the public health law, in relation to the performance of medical services by physician assistants (Subpart E) (Part N); to amend chapter 57 of the laws of 2022 providing a one percent across the board payment increase to all qualifying fee-for-service Medicaid rates, in relation to hospital and nursing home fee-for-service reimbursement rates (Part O); establishing a state fiscal year 2026-2027 targeted inflationary increase to be applied to certain portions of reimbursable costs or contract amounts for certain programs and services (Part P); to amend the mental hygiene law, the social services law and the public health law, in relation to integrated behavioral health services (Part Q); to amend the insurance law and the public health law, in relation to substance-related and addictive disorder services (Part R); to repeal subdivision 10 of section 553 of the executive law, relating to the requirement that the justice center administer an adult home and residence for adults resident advocacy program (Part S); to amend part ZZ of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020 amending the tax law and the social services law relating to certain Medicaid management, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and to amend the public health law, in relation to minimum amounts of certain state aid for the city of New York (Part T); and to amend chapter 56 of the laws of 2013 amending the public health law and other laws relating to general hospital reimbursement for annual rates, in relation to extending government rates for behavioral services and referencing the office of addiction services and supports; to amend part H of chapter

111 of the laws of 2010 relating to increasing Medicaid payments to providers through managed care organizations and providing equivalent fees through an ambulatory patient group methodology, in relation to extending government rates for behavioral services referencing the office of addiction services and supports and in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part U)

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

Section 1. This act enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state health and mental hygiene budget for the 2026-2027 state fiscal year. Each component is wholly contained within a Part identified as Parts A through U. The effective date for each particular provision contained within such Part is set forth in the last section of such Part. Any provision in any section contained within a Part, including the effective date of the Part, which makes a reference to a section "of this act", when used in connection with that particular component, shall be deemed to mean and refer to the corresponding section of the Part in which it is found. Section three of this act sets forth the general effective date of this act.

PART A

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 92 of part H of chapter 59 of the laws of 2011, amending the public health law and other laws relating to general hospital reimbursement for annual rates, as amended by section 1 of part A of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

(a) For state fiscal years 2011-12 through [~~2026-27~~] **2027-28**, the director of the budget, in consultation with the commissioner of health referenced as "commissioner" for purposes of this section, shall assess on a quarterly basis, as reflected in quarterly reports pursuant to subdivision five of this section known and projected department of health state funds medicaid expenditures by category of service and by geographic regions, as defined by the commissioner.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2026.

PART B

Section 1. Subdivision (c) of section 62 of chapter 165 of the laws of 1991, amending the public health law and other laws relating to establishing payments for medical assistance, as amended by section 9 of part GG of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

(c) section 364-j of the social services law, as amended by section eight of this act and subdivision 6 of section 367-a of the social services law as added by section twelve of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed on March 31, [~~2026~~] **2032** and provided further, that the amendments to the provisions of section 364-j of the social services law made by section eight of this act shall only apply to managed care programs approved on or after the effective date of this act;

§ 2. Section 11 of chapter 710 of the laws of 1988, amending the social services law and the education law relating to medical assistance eligibility of certain persons and providing for managed medical care

demonstration programs, as amended by section 10 of part GG of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

§ 11. This act shall take effect immediately; except that the provisions of sections one, two, three, four, eight and ten of this act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law; and except that the provisions of sections five, six and seven of this act shall take effect January 1, 1989; and except that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date; provided, however, that the provisions of section 364-j of the social services law, as added by section one of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed on and after March 31, [~~2026~~] 2032, the provisions of section 364-k of the social services law, as added by section two of this act, except subdivision 10 of such section, shall expire and be deemed repealed on and after January 1, 1994, and the provisions of subdivision 10 of section 364-k of the social services law, as added by section two of this act, shall expire and be deemed repealed on January 1, 1995.

§ 3. Section 18 of chapter 904 of the laws of 1984, amending the public health law and the social services law relating to encouraging comprehensive health services, as amended by section 16 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

§ 18. This act shall take effect immediately, except that sections six, nine, ten and eleven of this act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law, sections two, three, four and nine of this act shall expire and be of no further force or effect on or after March 31, [~~2026~~] 2029, section two of this act shall take effect on April 1, 1985 or seventy-five days following the submission of the report required by section one of this act, whichever is later, and sections eleven and thirteen of this act shall expire and be of no further force or effect on or after March 31, 1988.

§ 4. Section 4 of part X2 of chapter 62 of the laws of 2003, amending the public health law relating to allowing for the use of funds of the office of professional medical conduct for activities of the patient health information and quality improvement act of 2000, as amended by section 17 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately[~~; provided that the provisions of section one of this act shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2003, and shall expire March 31, 2026 when upon such date the provisions of such section shall be deemed repealed~~].

§ 5. Subdivision (o) of section 111 of part H of chapter 59 of the laws of 2011, amending the public health law relating to the statewide health information network of New York and the statewide planning and research cooperative system and general powers and duties, as amended by section 18 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(o) sections thirty-eight and thirty-eight-a of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed March 31, [~~2026~~] 2029;

§ 6. Section 32 of part A of chapter 58 of the laws of 2008, amending the elder law and other laws relating to reimbursement to participating provider pharmacies and prescription drug coverage, as amended by section 19 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

§ 32. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2008; provided however, that sections one, six-a, nineteen, twenty, twenty-four, and twenty-five of this act shall take effect July 1, 2008; provided however that sections sixteen, seventeen and eighteen of this act shall expire April 1, [~~2026~~] **2029**; provided, however, that the amendments made by section twenty-eight of this act shall take effect on the same date as section 1 of chapter 281 of the laws of 2007 takes effect; provided further, that sections twenty-nine, thirty, and thirty-one of this act shall take effect October 1, 2008; provided further, that section twenty-seven of this act shall take effect January 1, 2009; and provided further, that section twenty-seven of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed March 31, [~~2026~~] **2029**; and provided, further, however, that the amendments to subdivision 1 of section 241 of the education law made by section twenty-nine of this act shall not affect the expiration of such subdivision and shall be deemed to expire therewith and provided that the amendments to section 272 of the public health law made by section thirty of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

§ 7. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 1 of section 64 of chapter 81 of the laws of 1995, amending the public health law and other laws relating to medical reimbursement and welfare reform, as amended by section 21 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(f) Prior to February 1, 2001, February 1, 2002, February 1, 2003, February 1, 2004, February 1, 2005, February 1, 2006, February 1, 2007, February 1, 2008, February 1, 2009, February 1, 2010, February 1, 2011, February 1, 2012, February 1, 2013, February 1, 2014, February 1, 2015, February 1, 2016, February 1, 2017, February 1, 2018, February 1, 2019, February 1, 2020, February 1, 2021, February 1, 2022 , February 1, 2023, February 1, 2024, February 1, 2025 [~~and~~], February 1, 2026**, and for each year thereafter, prior to February 1**, the commissioner of health shall calculate the result of the statewide total of residential health care facility days of care provided to beneficiaries of title XVIII of the federal social security act (medicare), divided by the sum of such days of care plus days of care provided to residents eligible for payments pursuant to title 11 of article 5 of the social services law minus the number of days provided to residents receiving hospice care, expressed as a percentage, for the period commencing January 1, through November 30, of the prior year respectively, based on such data for such period. This value shall be called the 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 [~~and~~], 2026**, and for each year thereafter, the corresponding year's** statewide target percentage respectively.

§ 8. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 64 of chapter 81 of the laws of 1995, amending the public health law and other laws relating to medical reimbursement and welfare reform, as amended by section 22 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) If the 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 [~~and~~], 2026**, and corresponding year** statewide target percentages **for each year thereafter** are not for each year at least three percentage points higher than the statewide base percentage, the commissioner of health shall determine the percentage by which the statewide target percentage for each year is not at

least three percentage points higher than the statewide base percentage. The percentage calculated pursuant to this paragraph shall be called the 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 [~~and~~], 2026**, and for each year thereafter, the** statewide reduction percentage **for the corresponding year,** respectively. If the 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 [~~and~~], 2026**, and for each year thereafter** statewide target percentage for the respective year is at least three percentage points higher than the statewide base percentage, the statewide reduction percentage for the respective year shall be zero.

§ 9. Subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 of section 64 of chapter 81 of the laws of 1995, amending the public health law and other laws relating to medical reimbursement and welfare reform, as amended by section 23 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(iii) The 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 [~~and~~], 2026**, and for each year thereafter, the annual** statewide reduction percentage shall be multiplied by one hundred two million dollars respectively to determine the 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 [~~and~~], 2026**, and for each year thereafter, the annual** statewide aggregate reduction amount. If the 1998 and the 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 [~~and~~], 2026**, and for each year thereafter, the annual** statewide reduction percentage shall be zero respectively, there shall be no 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019**,** 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 [~~and~~], 2026**, and any year thereafter** reduction amount.

§ 10. The opening paragraph of paragraph (e) of subdivision 7 of section 367-a of the social services law, as amended by section 5 of part I of chapter 57 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

During the period from April first, two thousand fifteen through March thirty-first, two thousand [~~twenty-six~~] **twenty-nine**, the commissioner may, in lieu of a managed care provider or pharmacy benefit manager, negotiate directly and enter into an arrangement with a pharmaceutical manufacturer for the provision of supplemental rebates relating to pharmaceutical utilization by enrollees of managed care providers pursuant to section three hundred sixty-four-j of this title and may also negotiate directly and enter into such an agreement relating to pharmaceutical utilization by medical assistance recipients not so enrolled. Such rebate arrangements shall be limited to the following: antiretrovirals approved by the FDA for the treatment of HIV/AIDS, accelerated approval drugs established pursuant to this paragraph, opioid dependence agents and opioid antagonists listed in a statewide formulary established pursuant to subparagraph (vii) of this paragraph, hepatitis C agents, high cost drugs as provided for in subparagraph (viii) of this paragraph, gene therapies as provided for in subparagraph (ix) of this paragraph, and any other class or drug designated by the commissioner for which the pharmaceutical manufacturer has in effect a rebate arrangement with the federal secretary of health and human services pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1396r-8, and for which the state has established standard clin-

ical criteria. No agreement entered into pursuant to this paragraph shall have an initial term or be extended beyond the expiration or repeal of this paragraph. For purposes of this paragraph, an "accelerated approval" is a drug or labeled indication of a drug authorized by the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act for drugs approved under Subpart H of 21 CFR Part 314 and Subpart E of 21 CFR Part 601 for serious conditions that fill an unmet medical need based on whether the drug has an effect on a surrogate clinical endpoint, and is pending verification of clinical benefit in confirmatory trials.

§ 11. Subdivision 1 of section 60 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2015, amending the social services law and other laws relating to supplemental rebates, as amended by section 25 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

1. section one of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed March 31, [~~2029~~] 2032;

§ 12. Section 8 of part KK of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020, amending the public health law relating to the designation of statewide general hospital quality and sole community pools and the reduction of capital related inpatient expenses, as amended by section 26 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

§ 8. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2020, provided, further that sections four through seven of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed March 31, [~~2026~~] 2029; provided further, however, that the director of the budget may, in consultation with the commissioner of health, delay the effective dates prescribed herein for a period of time which shall not exceed ninety days following the conclusion or termination of an executive order issued pursuant to section 28 of the executive law declaring a state disaster emergency for the entire state of New York, upon such delay the director of budget shall notify the chairs of the assembly ways and means committee and senate finance committee and the chairs of the assembly and senate health committee; provided further, however, that the director of the budget shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of a delay in the effective date of this act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.

§ 13. Section 4 of chapter 779 of the laws of 1986, amending the social services law relating to authorizing services for non-residents in adult homes, residences for adults and enriched housing programs, as amended by section 28 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law and shall remain in full force and effect until July 1, [~~2026~~] 2029, provided however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rules or regulations necessary for the implementation of the foregoing sections of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

§ 14. Section 9 of part R of chapter 59 of the laws of 2016, amending the public health law and the education law relating to electronic prescriptions, as amended by section 35-b of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

§ 9. This act shall take effect immediately; provided however, that sections one and two of this act shall take effect on the first of June next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law and shall expire and be deemed repealed June 1, [~~2026~~] 2029.

§ 15. Subdivision 5-d of section 2807-k of the public health law, as amended by section 1 of part E of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, clause (A) of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) as amended by section 2 of part D of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

5-d. (a) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this section, section twenty-eight hundred seven-w of this article or any other contrary provision of law, and subject to the availability of federal financial participation, for periods on and after January first, two thousand twenty, through [~~March~~] December thirty-first, two thousand [~~twenty-six~~] twenty-nine, all funds available for distribution pursuant to this section, except for funds distributed pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision five-b of this section, and all funds available for distribution pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred seven-w of this article, shall be reserved and set aside and distributed in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision.

(b) The commissioner shall promulgate regulations, and may promulgate emergency regulations, establishing methodologies for the distribution of funds as described in paragraph (a) of this subdivision and such regulations shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(i) Such regulations shall establish methodologies for determining each facility's relative uncompensated care need amount based on uninsured inpatient and outpatient units of service from the cost reporting year two years prior to the distribution year, multiplied by the applicable medicaid rates in effect January first of the distribution year, as summed and adjusted by a statewide cost adjustment factor and reduced by the sum of all payment amounts collected from such uninsured patients, and as further adjusted by application of a nominal need computation that shall take into account each facility's medicaid inpatient share.

(ii) Annual distributions pursuant to such regulations for the two thousand twenty through two thousand [~~twenty-five~~] twenty-nine calendar years shall be in accord with the following:

(A) (1) one hundred thirty-nine million four hundred thousand dollars shall be distributed as Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital ("DSH") payments to major public general hospitals;

(2) for the calendar years two thousand twenty-five and thereafter, the total distributions to major public general hospitals shall be subject to an aggregate reduction of one hundred thirteen million four hundred thousand dollars annually, provided that general hospitals operated by the New York city health and hospitals corporation as established by chapter one thousand sixteen of the laws of nineteen hundred sixty-nine, as amended, shall not receive distributions pursuant to this subdivision; and

(B) nine hundred sixty-nine million nine hundred thousand dollars as Medicaid DSH payments to eligible general hospitals, other than major public general hospitals.

For the calendar years two thousand twenty through two thousand twenty-two, the total distributions to eligible general hospitals, other than major public general hospitals, shall be subject to an aggregate reduction of one hundred fifty million dollars annually, provided that eligible general hospitals, other than major public general hospitals, that qualify as enhanced safety net hospitals under section two thousand

eight hundred seven-c of this article shall not be subject to such reduction.

For the calendar years two thousand twenty-three through two thousand [~~twenty-five~~] twenty-nine, the total distributions to eligible general hospitals, other than major public general hospitals, shall be subject to an aggregate reduction of two hundred thirty-five million four hundred thousand dollars annually, provided that eligible general hospitals, other than major public general hospitals that qualify as enhanced safety net hospitals under section two thousand eight hundred seven-c of this article as of April first, two thousand twenty, shall not be subject to such reduction.

Such reductions shall be determined by a methodology to be established by the commissioner. Such methodologies may take into account the payor mix of each non-public general hospital, including the percentage of inpatient days paid by Medicaid.

(iii) For calendar years two thousand twenty through two thousand [~~twenty-five~~] twenty-nine, sixty-four million six hundred thousand dollars shall be distributed to eligible general hospitals, other than major public general hospitals, that experience a reduction in indigent care pool payments pursuant to this subdivision, and that qualify as enhanced safety net hospitals under section two thousand eight hundred seven-c of this article as of April first, two thousand twenty. Such distribution shall be established pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner and shall be proportional to the reduction experienced by the facility.

(iv) Such regulations shall reserve one percent of the funds available for distribution in the two thousand fourteen and two thousand fifteen calendar years, and for calendar years thereafter, pursuant to this subdivision, subdivision fourteen-f of section twenty-eight hundred seven-c of this article, and sections two hundred eleven and two hundred twelve of chapter four hundred seventy-four of the laws of nineteen hundred ninety-six, in a "financial assistance compliance pool" and shall establish methodologies for the distribution of such pool funds to facilities based on their level of compliance, as determined by the commissioner, with the provisions of subdivision nine-a of this section.

(c) The commissioner shall annually report to the governor and the legislature on the distribution of funds under this subdivision including, but not limited to:

(i) the impact on safety net providers, including community providers, rural general hospitals and major public general hospitals;

(ii) the provision of indigent care by units of services and funds distributed by general hospitals; and

(iii) the extent to which access to care has been enhanced.

§ 16. Section 7 of part H of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, amending the public health law relating to waiver of certain regulations, as amended by section 10 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2019, provided, however, that section two of this act shall expire on April 1, [~~2026~~] 2028.

§ 17. Section 8 of part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022, amending the public health law and the education law relating to allowing pharmacists to direct limited service laboratories and order and administer COVID-19 and influenza tests and modernizing nurse practitioners, as

amended by section 1 of part P of chapter 57 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

§ 8. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2022[~~; provided, however, that sections one, two, three, four, six and seven of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed July 1, 2026~~].

§ 18. Section 5 of chapter 21 of the laws of 2011, amending the education law relating to authorizing pharmacists to perform collaborative drug therapy management with physicians in certain settings, as amended by section 2 of part P of chapter 57 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

§ 5. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law[~~, provided, however, that the provisions of sections two, three, and four of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed July 1, 2026~~]; provided, however, that the amendments to subdivision 1 of section 6801 of the education law made by section one of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such subdivision pursuant to section 8 of chapter 563 of the laws of 2008, when upon such date the provisions of section one-a of this act shall take effect; provided, further, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

§ 19. Section 4 of chapter 520 of the laws of 2024, amending the education law and the public health law relating to amending physician assistant practice standards, is amended to read as follows:

§ 4. This act shall take effect three months after it shall have become a law[~~; provided, however, that paragraph (l) of subdivision 7 of section 6542 of the education law, as added by section one of this act, shall expire and be deemed repealed July 1, 2026~~]. Effective immediately, the state education department and the department of health are authorized to promulgate, amend and/or repeal any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of section one of this act on or before such effective date.

§ 20. Section 7 of part V of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022, amending the public health law and the insurance law relating to reimbursement for commercial and Medicaid services provided via telehealth, as amended by section 5 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2022; provided, however, this act shall expire and be deemed repealed on and after April 1, [~~2026~~] **2028**.

§ 21. Section 2 of part II of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016 amending part C of chapter 58 of the laws of 2005 relating to authorizing reimbursements for expenditures made by or on behalf of social services districts for medical assistance for needy persons and administration thereof, as amended by section 8 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed March 31, [~~2026~~] **2028**.

§ 22. Section 8 of part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2018, amending the social services law and the public health law relating to health homes and penalties for managed care providers, as amended by section 2 of part QQ of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

§ 8. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of sections 112 and 163 of the state finance law, or sections 142 and 143 of the economic development law, or any other contrary provision of law, excepting the 13 responsible vendor requirements of the state finance law, including, but not limited to, sections 163 and 139-k of the state finance law, the commissioner of health is authorized to amend or otherwise extend the terms of a contract awarded prior to the effective date and entered into pursuant to subdivision 24 of section 206 of the public health law, as added by section 39 of part C of chapter 58 of the laws of 2008, without a competitive bid or request for proposal process, upon determination that the existing contractor is qualified to continue to provide such services, and provided that efficiency savings are achieved during the period of extension; and provided, further, that the department of health shall submit a request for applications for such contract during the time period specified in this section and may terminate the contract identified herein prior to expiration of the extension authorized by this section. Contracts entered into, amended, or extended pursuant to this section shall not remain in force beyond August 19, [~~2026~~] **2027**.

§ 23. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2026; provided, however, that the amendments to the opening paragraph of paragraph (e) of subdivision 7 of section 367-a of the social services law made by section ten of this act shall not affect the repeal of such paragraph and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

PART C

Section 1. Section 34 of part A3 of chapter 62 of the laws of 2003 amending the public health law and other laws relating to enacting major components necessary to implement the state fiscal plan for the 2003-04 state fiscal year, as amended by section 1 of part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

§ 34. (1) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, rule or regulation and effective April 1, 2008 through March 31, [~~2026~~] **2029**, the commissioner of health is authorized to transfer and the state comptroller is authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the department of health's special revenue fund - other, health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund - 061, provider collection monitoring account, within amounts appropriated each year, those funds collected and accumulated pursuant to section 2807-v of the public health law, including income from invested funds, for the purpose of payment for administrative costs of the department of health related to administration of statutory duties for the collections and distributions authorized by section 2807-v of the public health law.

(2) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, rule or regulation and effective April 1, 2008 through March 31, [~~2026~~] **2029**, the commissioner of health is authorized to transfer and the state comptroller is authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the department of health's special revenue fund - other, health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund - 061, provider collection monitoring account, within amounts appropriated each year, those funds collected and accumulated and interest earned through surcharges on payments for health care services pursuant to section 2807-s of the public health law and from assessments pursuant to section 2807-t of the public health law for the purpose of payment for administrative costs of the department of health related to administration of statutory duties for the collections

and distributions authorized by sections 2807-s, 2807-t, and 2807-m of the public health law.

(3) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, rule or regulation and effective April 1, 2008 through March 31, [~~2026~~] 2029, the commissioner of health is authorized to transfer and the comptroller is authorized to deposit, within amounts appropriated each year, those funds authorized for distribution in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 2807-l of the public health law for the purposes of payment for administrative costs of the department of health related to the child health insurance plan program authorized pursuant to title 1-A of article 25 of the public health law into the special revenue funds - other, health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund - 061, child health insurance account, established within the department of health.

(5) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, rule or regulation and effective April 1, 2008 through March 31, [~~2026~~] 2029, the commissioner of health is authorized to transfer and the comptroller is authorized to deposit, within amounts appropriated each year, those funds allocated pursuant to paragraph (j) of subdivision 1 of section 2807-v of the public health law for the purpose of payment for administrative costs of the department of health related to administration of the state's tobacco control programs and cancer services provided pursuant to sections 2807-r and 1399-ii of the public health law into such accounts established within the department of health for such purposes.

(6) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, rule or regulation and effective April 1, 2008 through March 31, [~~2026~~] 2029, the commissioner of health is authorized to transfer and the comptroller is authorized to deposit, within amounts appropriated each year, the funds authorized for distribution in accordance with the provisions of section 2807-l of the public health law for the purposes of payment for administrative costs of the department of health related to the programs funded pursuant to section 2807-l of the public health law into the special revenue funds - other, health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund - 061, pilot health insurance account, established within the department of health.

(7) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, rule or regulation and effective April 1, 2008 through March 31, [~~2026~~] 2029, the commissioner of health is authorized to transfer and the comptroller is authorized to deposit, within amounts appropriated each year, those funds authorized for distribution in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (f) of subdivision 19 of section 2807-c of the public health law from monies accumulated and interest earned in the bad debt and charity care and capital statewide pools through an assessment charged to general hospitals pursuant to the provisions of subdivision 18 of section 2807-c of the public health law and those funds authorized for distribution in accordance with the provisions of section 2807-l of the public health law for the purposes of payment for administrative costs of the department of health related to programs funded under section 2807-l of the public health law into the special revenue funds - other, health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund - 061, primary care initiatives account, established within the department of health.

(8) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, rule or regulation and effective April 1, 2008 through March 31, [~~2026~~] 2029, the commissioner of health is authorized to transfer and the comptroller is authorized to deposit, within amounts appropriated each year, those

funds authorized for distribution in accordance with section 2807-l of the public health law for the purposes of payment for administrative costs of the department of health related to programs funded under section 2807-l of the public health law into the special revenue funds - other, health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund - 061, health care delivery administration account, established within the department of health.

(9) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, rule or regulation and effective April 1, 2008 through March 31, [~~2026~~] **2029**, the commissioner of health is authorized to transfer and the comptroller is authorized to deposit, within amounts appropriated each year, those funds authorized pursuant to sections 2807-d, 3614-a and 3614-b of the public health law and section 367-i of the social services law and for distribution in accordance with the provisions of subdivision 9 of section 2807-j of the public health law for the purpose of payment for administration of statutory duties for the collections and distributions authorized by sections 2807-c, 2807-d, 2807-j, 2807-k, 2807-l, 3614-a and 3614-b of the public health law and section 367-i of the social services law into the special revenue funds - other, health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund - 061, provider collection monitoring account, established within the department of health.

§ 2. Subparagraphs (iv) and (v) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 9 of section 2807-j of the public health law, as amended by section 2 of part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, are amended to read as follows:

(iv) seven hundred sixty-five million dollars annually of the funds accumulated for the periods January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand [~~twenty-five~~] **twenty-eight**, and

(v) one hundred ninety-one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of the funds accumulated for the period January first, two thousand [~~twenty-six~~] **twenty-nine** through March thirty-first, two thousand [~~twenty-six~~] **twenty-nine**.

§ 3. Subdivision 5 of section 168 of chapter 639 of the laws of 1996, constituting the New York Health Care Reform Act of 1996, as amended by section 3 of part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

5. sections 2807-c, 2807-j, 2807-s and 2807-t of the public health law, as amended or as added by this act, shall expire on December 31, [~~2026~~] **2029**, and shall be thereafter effective only in respect to any act done on or before such date or action or proceeding arising out of such act including continued collections of funds from assessments and allowances and surcharges established pursuant to sections 2807-c, 2807-j, 2807-s and 2807-t of the public health law, and administration and distributions of funds from pools established pursuant to sections 2807-c, 2807-j, 2807-k, 2807-l, 2807-m, 2807-s and 2807-t of the public health law related to patient services provided before December 31, [~~2026~~] **2029**, and continued expenditure of funds authorized for programs and grants until the exhaustion of funds therefor;

§ 4. Subdivision 1 of section 138 of chapter 1 of the laws of 1999, constituting the New York Health Care Reform Act of 2000, as amended by section 4 of part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

1. sections 2807-c, 2807-j, 2807-s, and 2807-t of the public health law, as amended by this act, shall expire on December 31, [~~2026~~] **2029**, and shall be thereafter effective only in respect to any act done before such date or action or proceeding arising out of such act including continued collections of funds from assessments and allowances and

surcharges established pursuant to sections 2807-c, 2807-j, 2807-s and 2807-t of the public health law, and administration and distributions of funds from pools established pursuant to sections 2807-c, 2807-j, 2807-k, 2807-l, 2807-m, 2807-s, 2807-t, 2807-v and 2807-w of the public health law, as amended or added by this act, related to patient services provided before December 31, [~~2026~~] **2029**, and continued expenditure of funds authorized for programs and grants until the exhaustion of funds therefor;

§ 5. Section 2807-l of the public health law, as amended by section 5 of part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2807-l. Health care initiatives pool distributions. 1. Funds accumulated in the health care initiatives pools pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision nine of section twenty-eight hundred seven-j of this article, or the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund established pursuant to section ninety-two-dd of the state finance law, whichever is applicable, including income from invested funds, shall be distributed or retained by the commissioner or by the state comptroller, as applicable, in accordance with the following.

(a) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for purposes of distributions to programs to provide health care coverage for uninsured or underinsured children pursuant to sections twenty-five hundred ten and twenty-five hundred eleven of this chapter from the respective health care initiatives pools established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven, up to one hundred twenty million six hundred thousand dollars;

(ii) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight, up to one hundred sixty-four million five hundred thousand dollars;

(iii) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine, up to one hundred eighty-one million dollars;

(iv) from the pool for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand, two hundred seven million dollars;

(v) from the pool for the period January first, two thousand one through December thirty-first, two thousand one, two hundred thirty-five million dollars;

(vi) from the pool for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two, three hundred twenty-four million dollars;

(vii) from the pool for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three, up to four hundred fifty million three hundred thousand dollars;

(viii) from the pool for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four, up to four hundred sixty million nine hundred thousand dollars;

(ix) from the pool or the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund, whichever is applicable, for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five, up to one hundred fifty-three million eight hundred thousand dollars;

(x) from the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first,

two thousand six, up to three hundred twenty-five million four hundred thousand dollars;

(xi) from the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven, up to four hundred twenty-eight million fifty-nine thousand dollars;

(xii) from the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, up to four hundred fifty-three million six hundred seventy-four thousand dollars annually;

(xiii) from the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund for the period January first, two thousand eleven, through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, up to one hundred thirteen million four hundred eighteen thousand dollars;

(xiv) from the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund for the period April first, two thousand eleven, through March thirty-first, two thousand twelve, up to three hundred twenty-four million seven hundred forty-four thousand dollars;

(xv) from the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund for the period April first, two thousand twelve, through March thirty-first, two thousand thirteen, up to three hundred forty-six million four hundred forty-four thousand dollars;

(xvi) from the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund for the period April first, two thousand thirteen, through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, up to three hundred seventy million six hundred ninety-five thousand dollars; and

(xvii) from the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund for each state fiscal year for periods on and after April first, two thousand fourteen, within amounts appropriated.

(b) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for purposes of distributions for health insurance programs under the individual subsidy programs established pursuant to the expanded health care coverage act of nineteen hundred eighty-eight as amended, and for evaluation of such programs from the respective health care initiatives pools or the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund, whichever is applicable, established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) (A) an amount not to exceed six million dollars on an annualized basis for the periods January first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine; up to six million dollars for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand; up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand one through December thirty-first, two thousand one; up to four million dollars for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two; up to two million six hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three; up to one million three hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four; up to six hundred seventy thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through June thirtieth, two thousand five; up to one million three hundred thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand six through March thirty-first, two thousand seven; and up to one million three hundred thousand dollars annually for the period April first, two thousand seven through March thirty-first,

two thousand nine, shall be allocated to individual subsidy programs; and

(B) an amount not to exceed seven million dollars on an annualized basis for the periods during the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine and four million dollars annually for the periods January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand two, and three million dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three, and two million dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four, and two million dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through June thirtieth, two thousand five shall be allocated to the catastrophic health care expense program.

(ii) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the characterizations of the New York state small business health insurance partnership program as in effect prior to June thirtieth, two thousand three, voucher program as in effect prior to December thirty-first, two thousand one, individual subsidy program as in effect prior to June thirtieth, two thousand five, and catastrophic health care expense program, as in effect prior to June thirtieth, two thousand five, may, for the purposes of identifying matching funds for the community health care conversion demonstration project described in a waiver of the provisions of title XIX of the federal social security act granted to the state of New York and dated July fifteenth, nineteen hundred ninety-seven, may continue to be used to characterize the insurance programs in sections four thousand three hundred twenty-one-a, four thousand three hundred twenty-two-a, four thousand three hundred twenty-six and four thousand three hundred twenty-seven of the insurance law, which are successor programs to these programs.

(c) Up to seventy-eight million dollars shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven, for purposes of public health programs, up to seventy-six million dollars shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year from the pools for the periods January first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight and January first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine, up to eighty-four million dollars shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year from the pools for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand, up to eighty-five million dollars shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year from the pools for the period January first, two thousand one through December thirty-first, two thousand one, up to eighty-six million dollars shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year from the pools for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two, up to eighty-six million one hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year from the pools for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three, up to fifty-eight million seven hundred eighty thousand dollars shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year from the pools for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four, up to sixty-eight million seven hundred thirty thousand dollars shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year from the pools or the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund, whichever is applicable, for the period January first, two thousand five

through December thirty-first, two thousand five, up to ninety-four million three hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year from the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six, up to seventy million nine hundred thirty-nine thousand dollars shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year from the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven, up to fifty-five million six hundred eighty-nine thousand dollars annually shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year from the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, up to thirteen million nine hundred twenty-two thousand dollars shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year from the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, and for periods on and after April first, two thousand eleven, up to funding amounts specified below and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for:

(i) deposit by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to, to the credit of the department of health's special revenue fund - other, hospital based grants program account or the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund, whichever is applicable, for purposes of services and expenses related to general hospital based grant programs, up to twenty-two million dollars annually from the nineteen hundred ninety-seven pool, nineteen hundred ninety-eight pool, nineteen hundred ninety-nine pool, two thousand pool, two thousand one pool and two thousand two pool, respectively, up to twenty-two million dollars from the two thousand three pool, up to ten million dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four, up to eleven million dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five, up to twenty-two million dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six, up to twenty-two million ninety-seven thousand dollars annually for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, up to five million five hundred twenty-four thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, up to thirteen million four hundred forty-five thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand twelve, and up to thirteen million three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twelve through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen;

(ii) deposit by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to, to the credit of the emergency medical services training account established in section ninety-seven-q of the state finance law or the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund, whichever is applicable, up to sixteen million dollars on an annualized basis for the periods January first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine, up to twenty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand, up to twenty-one million dollars for the period January first, two thousand one through December thirty-first, two thou-

sand one, up to twenty-two million dollars for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two, up to twenty-two million five hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three, up to nine million six hundred eighty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four, up to twelve million one hundred thirty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five, up to twenty-four million two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six, up to twenty million four hundred ninety-two thousand dollars annually for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, up to five million one hundred twenty-three thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, up to eighteen million three hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand twelve, up to eighteen million nine hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand twelve through March thirty-first, two thousand thirteen, up to nineteen million four hundred nineteen thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand thirteen through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, and up to nineteen million six hundred fifty-nine thousand seven hundred dollars each state fiscal year for the period of April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand [~~twenty-six~~] **twenty-nine**;

(iii) priority distributions by the commissioner up to thirty-two million dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand four, up to thirty-eight million dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand six, up to eighteen million two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven, up to three million dollars annually for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, up to seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, up to two million nine hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, and up to two million nine hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand [~~twenty-six~~] **twenty-nine** to be allocated (A) for the purposes established pursuant to subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (f) of subdivision nineteen of section twenty-eight hundred seven-c of this article as in effect on December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-six and as may thereafter be amended, up to fifteen million dollars annually for the periods January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand four, up to twenty-one million dollars annually for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand six, and up to seven million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through March thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(B) pursuant to a memorandum of understanding entered into by the commissioner, the majority leader of the senate and the speaker of the assembly, for the purposes outlined in such memorandum upon the recom-

mendation of the majority leader of the senate, up to eight million five hundred thousand dollars annually for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand six, and up to four million two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through June thirtieth, two thousand seven, and for the purposes outlined in such memorandum upon the recommendation of the speaker of the assembly, up to eight million five hundred thousand dollars annually for the periods January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand six, and up to four million two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through June thirtieth, two thousand seven; and

(C) for services and expenses, including grants, related to emergency assistance distributions as designated by the commissioner. Notwithstanding section one hundred twelve or one hundred sixty-three of the state finance law or any other contrary provision of law, such distributions shall be limited to providers or programs where, as determined by the commissioner, emergency assistance is vital to protect the life or safety of patients, to ensure the retention of facility caregivers or other staff, or in instances where health facility operations are jeopardized, or where the public health is jeopardized or other emergency situations exist, up to three million dollars annually for the period April first, two thousand seven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, up to two million nine hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, up to two million nine hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen, up to two million nine hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty, up to two million nine hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three, [~~and~~] up to two million nine hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six**, and up to two million nine hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine**. Upon any distribution of such funds, the commissioner shall immediately notify the chair and ranking minority member of the senate finance committee, the assembly ways and means committee, the senate committee on health, and the assembly committee on health;

(iv) distributions by the commissioner related to poison control centers pursuant to subdivision seven of section twenty-five hundred-d of this chapter, up to five million dollars for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven, up to three million dollars on an annualized basis for the periods during the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine, up to five million dollars annually for the periods January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand two, up to four million six hundred thousand dollars annually for the periods January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand four, up to five million one hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand six annually, up to five million one hundred thousand dollars annually for the period January first, two thousand seven

through December thirty-first, two thousand nine, up to three million six hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, up to seven hundred seventy-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, up to two million five hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, up to three million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen, up to three million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty, up to three million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three, [~~and~~] up to three million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six**, and up to three million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine**; and

(v) deposit by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to, to the credit of the department of health's special revenue fund - other, miscellaneous special revenue fund - 339 maternal and child HIV services account or the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund, whichever is applicable, for purposes of a special program for HIV services for women and children, including adolescents pursuant to section twenty-five hundred-f-one of this chapter, up to five million dollars annually for the periods January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand two, up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three, up to two million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four, up to two million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five, up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six, up to five million dollars annually for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, up to one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, and up to five million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen;

(d) (i) An amount of up to twenty million dollars annually for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand six, up to ten million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through June thirtieth, two thousand seven, up to twenty million dollars annually for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, up to nineteen million six hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, up to nineteen million six hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen, up to nineteen million six

hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period of April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty, up to nineteen million six hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period of April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three, [~~and~~] up to nineteen million six hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period of April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six**, and up to nineteen million six hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period of April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine**, shall be transferred to the health facility restructuring pool established pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred fifteen of this article;

(ii) provided, however, amounts transferred pursuant to subparagraph (i) of this paragraph may be reduced in an amount to be approved by the director of the budget to reflect the amount received from the federal government under the state's 1115 waiver which is directed under its terms and conditions to the health facility restructuring program.

(f) Funds shall be accumulated and transferred from as follows:

(i) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven, (A) thirty-four million six hundred thousand dollars shall be transferred to funds reserved and accumulated pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision nineteen of section twenty-eight hundred seven-c of this article, and (B) eighty-two million dollars shall be transferred and deposited and credited to the credit of the state general fund medical assistance local assistance account;

(ii) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight, eighty-two million dollars shall be transferred and deposited and credited to the credit of the state general fund medical assistance local assistance account;

(iii) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine, eighty-two million dollars shall be transferred and deposited and credited to the credit of the state general fund medical assistance local assistance account;

(iv) from the pool or the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund, whichever is applicable, for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand four, eighty-two million dollars annually, and for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five, eighty-two million dollars, and for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six, eighty-two million dollars, and for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven, eighty-two million dollars, and for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight, ninety million seven hundred thousand dollars shall be deposited by the commissioner, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue fund - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account;

(v) from the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine, one hundred eight million nine hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, and for the period January first, two thousand ten

through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, one hundred twenty-six million one hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, twenty million five hundred thousand dollars, and for each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, one hundred forty-six million four hundred thousand dollars, shall be deposited by the commissioner, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit, to the credit of the state special revenue fund - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account.

(g) Funds shall be transferred to primary health care services pools created by the commissioner, and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for distributions in accordance with former section twenty-eight hundred seven-bb of this article from the respective health care initiatives pools for the following periods in the following percentage amounts of funds remaining after allocations in accordance with paragraphs (a) through (f) of this subdivision:

(i) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven, fifteen and eighty-seven-hundredths percent;

(ii) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight, fifteen and eighty-seven-hundredths percent; and

(iii) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine, sixteen and thirteen-hundredths percent.

(h) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year by the commissioner and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for purposes of primary care education and training pursuant to article nine of this chapter from the respective health care initiatives pools established for the following periods in the following percentage amounts of funds remaining after allocations in accordance with paragraphs (a) through (f) of this subdivision and shall be available for distributions as follows:

(i) funds shall be reserved and accumulated:

(A) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven, six and thirty-five-hundredths percent;

(B) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight, six and thirty-five-hundredths percent; and

(C) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine, six and forty-five-hundredths percent;

(ii) funds shall be available for distributions including income from invested funds as follows:

(A) for purposes of the primary care physician loan repayment program in accordance with section nine hundred three of this chapter, up to five million dollars on an annualized basis;

(B) for purposes of the primary care practitioner scholarship program in accordance with section nine hundred four of this chapter, up to two million dollars on an annualized basis;

(C) for purposes of minority participation in medical education grants in accordance with section nine hundred six of this chapter, up to one million dollars on an annualized basis; and

(D) provided, however, that the commissioner may reallocate any funds remaining or unallocated for distributions for the primary care practitioner scholarship program in accordance with section nine hundred four of this chapter.

(i) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for distributions in accordance with section twenty-nine hundred fifty-two and section twenty-nine hundred fifty-eight of this chapter for rural health care delivery development and rural health care access development, respectively, from the respective health care initiatives pools or the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund, whichever is applicable, for the following periods in the following percentage amounts of funds remaining after allocations in accordance with paragraphs (a) through (f) of this subdivision, and for periods on and after January first, two thousand, in the following amounts:

(i) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven, thirteen and forty-nine-hundredths percent;

(ii) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight, thirteen and forty-nine-hundredths percent;

(iii) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine, thirteen and seventy-one-hundredths percent;

(iv) from the pool for the periods January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand two, seventeen million dollars annually, and for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three, up to fifteen million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars;

(v) from the pool or the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund, whichever is applicable, for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four, up to fifteen million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five, up to nineteen million two hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six, up to nineteen million two hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, up to eighteen million one hundred fifty thousand dollars annually, for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, up to four million five hundred thirty-eight thousand dollars, for each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, up to sixteen million two hundred thousand dollars, up to sixteen million two hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen, up to sixteen million two hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty, up to sixteen million two hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three, [~~and~~] up to sixteen million two hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six**, and up to sixteen million two hundred thousand dollars**

each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine.

(j) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for purposes of distributions related to health information and health care quality improvement pursuant to former section twenty-eight hundred seven-n of this article from the respective health care initiatives pools established for the following periods in the following percentage amounts of funds remaining after allocations in accordance with paragraphs (a) through (f) of this subdivision:

(i) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven, six and thirty-five-hundredths percent;

(ii) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight, six and thirty-five-hundredths percent; and

(iii) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine, six and forty-five-hundredths percent.

(k) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for allocations and distributions in accordance with section twenty-eight hundred seven-p of this article for diagnostic and treatment center uncompensated care from the respective health care initiatives pools or the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund, whichever is applicable, for the following periods in the following percentage amounts of funds remaining after allocations in accordance with paragraphs (a) through (f) of this subdivision, and for periods on and after January first, two thousand, in the following amounts:

(i) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven, thirty-eight and one-tenth percent;

(ii) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight, thirty-eight and one-tenth percent;

(iii) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine, thirty-eight and seventy-one-hundredths percent;

(iv) from the pool for the periods January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand two, forty-eight million dollars annually, and for the period January first, two thousand three through June thirtieth, two thousand three, twenty-four million dollars;

(v) (A) from the pool or the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund, whichever is applicable, for the period July first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three, up to six million dollars, for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand six, up to twelve million dollars annually, for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand thirteen, up to forty-eight million dollars annually, for the period January first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, up to twelve million dollars for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen, up to forty-eight million dollars annually, for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty, up to forty-eight million dollars annually, for the period April first, two thousand twenty

through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three, up to forty-eight million dollars annually, [~~and~~] for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six, up to forty-eight million dollars annually**, and for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine, up to forty-eight million dollars annually**;

(B) from the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six, an additional seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand thirteen, an additional seven million five hundred thousand dollars annually, for the period January first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, an additional one million eight hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen, an additional seven million five hundred thousand dollars annually, for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty, an additional seven million five hundred thousand dollars annually, for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three, an additional seven million five hundred thousand dollars annually, [~~and~~] for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six, an additional seven million five hundred thousand dollars annually**, and for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine, an additional seven million five hundred thousand dollars annually** for voluntary non-profit diagnostic and treatment center uncompensated care in accordance with subdivision four-c of section twenty-eight hundred seven-p of this article; and

(vi) funds reserved and accumulated pursuant to this paragraph for periods on and after July first, two thousand three, shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, for purposes of funding the state share of rate adjustments made pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred seven-p of this article, provided, however, that in the event federal financial participation is not available for rate adjustments made pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section twenty-eight hundred seven-p of this article, funds shall be distributed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section twenty-eight hundred seven-p of this article from the respective health care initiatives pools or the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund, whichever is applicable.

(l) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year by the commissioner and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for transfer to and allocation for services and expenses for the payment of benefits to recipients of drugs under the AIDS drug assistance program (ADAP) - HIV uninsured care program as administered by Health Research Incorporated from the respective health care initiatives pools or the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund, whichever is applicable, established for the following periods in the following percentage amounts of funds remaining after allocations in accordance with paragraphs (a) through (f) of this subdivision, and for periods on and after January first, two thousand, in the following amounts:

(i) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven, nine and fifty-two-hundredths percent;

(ii) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight, nine and fifty-two-hundredths percent;

(iii) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine and December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine, nine and sixty-eight-hundredths percent;

(iv) from the pool for the periods January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand two, up to twelve million dollars annually, and for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three, up to forty million dollars; and

(v) from the pool or the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund, whichever is applicable, for the periods January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four, up to fifty-six million dollars, for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand six, up to sixty million dollars annually, for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, up to sixty million dollars annually, for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, up to fifteen million dollars, each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, up to forty-two million three hundred thousand dollars and up to forty-one million fifty thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand [~~twenty-six~~] **twenty-nine**.

(m) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for purposes of distributions pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred seven-r of this article for cancer related services from the respective health care initiatives pools or the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund, whichever is applicable, established for the following periods in the following percentage amounts of funds remaining after allocations in accordance with paragraphs (a) through (f) of this subdivision, and for periods on and after January first, two thousand, in the following amounts:

(i) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven, seven and ninety-four-hundredths percent;

(ii) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight, seven and ninety-four-hundredths percent;

(iii) from the pool for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine and December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine, six and forty-five-hundredths percent;

(iv) from the pool for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand two, up to ten million dollars on an annual basis;

(v) from the pool for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand four, up to eight million nine hundred fifty thousand dollars on an annual basis;

(vi) from the pool or the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund, whichever is applicable, for the period January first, two thou-

sand five through December thirty-first, two thousand six, up to ten million fifty thousand dollars on an annual basis, for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, up to nineteen million dollars annually, and for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, up to four million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars.

(n) Funds shall be accumulated and transferred from the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund as follows: for the period April first, two thousand seven through March thirty-first, two thousand eight, and on an annual basis for the periods April first, two thousand eight through November thirtieth, two thousand nine, funds within amounts appropriated shall be transferred and deposited and credited to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, for purposes of funding the state share of rate adjustments made to public and voluntary hospitals in accordance with paragraphs (i) and (j) of subdivision one of section twenty-eight hundred seven-c of this article.

2. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, rule or regulation, any funds accumulated in the health care initiatives pools pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision nine of section twenty-eight hundred seven-j of this article, as a result of surcharges, assessments or other obligations during the periods January first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine, which are unused or uncommitted for distributions pursuant to this section shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year by the commissioner and, within amounts appropriated, transferred and deposited into the special revenue funds - other, miscellaneous special revenue fund - 339, child health insurance account or any successor fund or account, for purposes of distributions to implement the child health insurance program established pursuant to sections twenty-five hundred ten and twenty-five hundred eleven of this chapter for periods on and after January first, two thousand one; provided, however, funds reserved and accumulated for priority distributions pursuant to subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (c) of subdivision one of this section shall not be transferred and deposited into such account pursuant to this subdivision; and provided further, however, that any unused or uncommitted pool funds accumulated and allocated pursuant to paragraph (j) of subdivision one of this section shall be distributed for purposes of the health information and quality improvement act of 2000.

3. Revenue from distributions pursuant to this section shall not be included in gross revenue received for purposes of the assessments pursuant to subdivision eighteen of section twenty-eight hundred seven-c of this article, subject to the provisions of paragraph (e) of subdivision eighteen of section twenty-eight hundred seven-c of this article, and shall not be included in gross revenue received for purposes of the assessments pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred seven-d of this article, subject to the provisions of subdivision twelve of section twenty-eight hundred seven-d of this article.

§ 6. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (p) of subdivision 1 of section 2807-m of the public health law are REPEALED and paragraphs (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (q), (r), (s), (t) and (u) are relettered paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p) and (q).

§ 7. Subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (o) and paragraphs (p) and (q) of subdivision 1 of section 2807-m of the public health law, as amended by section 6 of part Y of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020 and such para-

graphs as relettered by section six of this act, are amended to read as follows:

(iv) further reducing each of the amounts determined in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph by the amounts specified in paragraph [~~(t)~~] **(p)** of this subdivision; and

(p) "Extra reduction amount" shall mean an amount determined for a teaching hospital for which an adjustment amount is calculated pursuant to paragraph ([~~s~~]) **(o)** of this subdivision that is the hospital's proportionate share of the sum of the amounts specified in paragraph [~~(u)~~] **(q)** of this subdivision determined based upon a comparison of the hospital's remaining liability calculated pursuant to paragraph [~~(s)~~] **(o)** of this subdivision to the sum of all such hospital's remaining liabilities.

(q) "Allotment amount" shall mean an amount determined for teaching hospitals as follows:

(i) for a hospital for which an adjustment amount pursuant to paragraph [~~(s)~~] **(o)** of this subdivision does not apply, the amount received by the hospital pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision five of this section attributable to the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three, or

(ii) for a hospital for which an adjustment amount pursuant to paragraph [~~(s)~~] **(o)** of this subdivision applies and which received a distribution pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision five of this section attributable to the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three that is greater than the hospital's adjustment amount, the difference between the distribution amount and the adjustment amount.

§ 8. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 3, paragraphs (a) and (d) of subdivision 5 and the opening paragraph of subdivision 12 of section 2807-m of the public health law, paragraph (f) of subdivision 3, paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 and the opening paragraph of subdivision 12 as amended and paragraph (d) of subdivision 5 as added by section 6 of part Y of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020, are amended to read as follows:

(f) Effective January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand eight, each teaching general hospital shall receive a distribution from the applicable regional pool based on its distribution amount determined under paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of this subdivision and reduced by its adjustment amount calculated pursuant to paragraph [~~(s)~~] **(o)** of subdivision one of this section and, for distributions for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five, further reduced by its extra reduction amount calculated pursuant to paragraph [~~(t)~~] **(p)** of subdivision one of this section.

(a) Up to thirty-one million dollars annually for the periods January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand three, and up to twenty-five million dollars plus the sum of the amounts specified in paragraph [~~(n)~~] **(k)** of subdivision one of this section for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five, and up to thirty-one million dollars annually for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand seven, shall be set aside and reserved by the commissioner from the regional pools established pursuant to subdivision two of this section for supplemental distributions in each such region to be made by the commissioner to consortia and teaching general hospitals in accordance with a distribution methodology developed in consultation with the

council and specified in rules and regulations adopted by the commissioner.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five, the commissioner shall distribute as supplemental payments the allotment specified in paragraph [~~(n)~~] **(k)** of subdivision one of this section.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, applications submitted on or after April first, two thousand sixteen, for the physician loan repayment program pursuant to paragraph [~~(c)~~] **(b)** of subdivision five-a of this section and subdivision ten of this section or the physician practice support program pursuant to paragraph [~~(d)~~] **(c)** of subdivision five-a of this section, shall be subject to the following changes:

§ 9. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 5-a of section 2807-m of the public health law is REPEALED and paragraphs (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) are relettered paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g).

§ 10. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of subdivision 5-a of section 2807-m of the public health law, as amended by section 6 of part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023 and paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) as relettered by section nine of this act, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Supplemental distributions. (i) Thirty-one million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight, shall be set aside and reserved by the commissioner from the regional pools established pursuant to subdivision two of this section and shall be available for distributions pursuant to subdivision five of this section and in accordance with section 86-1.89 of title 10 of the codes, rules and regulations of the state of New York as in effect on January first, two thousand eight[~~; provided, however, for purposes of funding the empire clinical research investigation program (ECRIP) in accordance with paragraph eight of subdivision (e) and paragraph two of subdivision (f) of section 86-1.89 of title 10 of the codes, rules and regulations of the state of New York, distributions shall be made using two regions defined as New York city and the rest of the state and the dollar amount set forth in subparagraph (i) of paragraph two of subdivision (f) of section 86-1.89 of title 10 of the codes, rules and regulations of the state of New York shall be increased from sixty thousand dollars to seventy-five thousand dollars~~].

(ii) For periods on and after January first, two thousand nine, supplemental distributions pursuant to subdivision five of this section and in accordance with section 86-1.89 of title 10 of the codes, rules and regulations of the state of New York shall no longer be made and the provisions of section 86-1.89 of title 10 of the codes, rules and regulations of the state of New York shall be null and void.

(b) Physician loan repayment program. One million nine hundred sixty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight, one million nine hundred sixty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine, one million nine hundred sixty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, four hundred ninety thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, one million seven hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thou-

sand fourteen, up to one million seven hundred five thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen, up to one million seven hundred five thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty, up to one million seven hundred five thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three, [~~and~~] up to one million seven hundred five thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six, **and up to one million seven hundred five thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine,** shall be set aside and reserved by the commissioner from the regional pools established pursuant to subdivision two of this section and shall be available for purposes of physician loan repayment in accordance with subdivision ten of this section. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this section, sections one hundred twelve and one hundred sixty-three of the state finance law, or any other contrary provision of law, such funding shall be allocated regionally with one-third of available funds going to New York city and two-thirds of available funds going to the rest of the state and shall be distributed in a manner to be determined by the commissioner without a competitive bid or request for proposal process as follows:

(i) Funding shall first be awarded to repay loans of up to twenty-five physicians who train in primary care or specialty tracks in teaching general hospitals, and who enter and remain in primary care or specialty practices in underserved communities, as determined by the commissioner.

(ii) After distributions in accordance with subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, all remaining funds shall be awarded to repay loans of physicians who enter and remain in primary care or specialty practices in underserved communities, as determined by the commissioner, including but not limited to physicians working in general hospitals, or other health care facilities.

(iii) In no case shall less than fifty percent of the funds available pursuant to this paragraph be distributed in accordance with subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph to physicians identified by general hospitals.

(iv) In addition to the funds allocated under this paragraph, for the period April first, two thousand fifteen through March thirty-first, two thousand sixteen, two million dollars shall be available for the purposes described in subdivision ten of this section;

(v) In addition to the funds allocated under this paragraph, for the period April first, two thousand sixteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen, two million dollars shall be available for the purposes described in subdivision ten of this section;

(vi) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and subject to the extension of the Health Care Reform Act of 1996, sufficient funds shall be available for the purposes described in subdivision ten of this section in amounts necessary to fund the remaining year commitments for awards made pursuant to subparagraphs (iv) and (v) of this paragraph.

(c) Physician practice support. Four million nine hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight, four million nine hundred thousand dollars annually for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, one million two hundred twen-

ty-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, four million three hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, up to four million three hundred sixty thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen, up to four million three hundred sixty thousand dollars for each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty, up to four million three hundred sixty thousand dollars for each fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three, [~~and~~] up to four million three hundred sixty thousand dollars for each fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six, **and up to four million three hundred sixty thousand dollars for each fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine,** shall be set aside and reserved by the commissioner from the regional pools established pursuant to subdivision two of this section and shall be available for purposes of physician practice support. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this section, sections one hundred twelve and one hundred sixty-three of the state finance law, or any other contrary provision of law, such funding shall be allocated regionally with one-third of available funds going to New York city and two-thirds of available funds going to the rest of the state and shall be distributed in a manner to be determined by the commissioner without a competitive bid or request for proposal process as follows:

(i) Preference in funding shall first be accorded to teaching general hospitals for up to twenty-five awards, to support costs incurred by physicians trained in primary or specialty tracks who thereafter establish or join practices in underserved communities, as determined by the commissioner.

(ii) After distributions in accordance with subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, all remaining funds shall be awarded to physicians to support the cost of establishing or joining practices in underserved communities, as determined by the commissioner, and to hospitals and other health care providers to recruit new physicians to provide services in underserved communities, as determined by the commissioner.

(iii) In no case shall less than fifty percent of the funds available pursuant to this paragraph be distributed to general hospitals in accordance with subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph.

(d) Work group. For funding available pursuant to paragraphs **(b) and** (c)[~~**, (d) and (e)**~~] of this subdivision:

(i) The department shall appoint a work group from recommendations made by associations representing physicians, general hospitals and other health care facilities to develop a streamlined application process by June first, two thousand twelve.

(ii) Subject to available funding, applications shall be accepted on a continuous basis. The department shall provide technical assistance to applicants to facilitate their completion of applications. An applicant shall be notified in writing by the department within ten days of receipt of an application as to whether the application is complete and if the application is incomplete, what information is outstanding. The department shall act on an application within thirty days of receipt of a complete application.

(e) Study on physician workforce. Five hundred ninety thousand dollars annually for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, one hundred forty-eight thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, five hundred sixteen thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, up to four hundred eighty-seven thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen, up to four hundred eighty-seven thousand dollars for each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty, up to four hundred eighty-seven thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three, [~~and~~] up to four hundred eighty-seven thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six, **and up to four hundred eighty-seven thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine,** shall be set aside and reserved by the commissioner from the regional pools established pursuant to subdivision two of this section and shall be available to fund a study of physician workforce needs and solutions including, but not limited to, an analysis of residency programs and projected physician workforce and community needs. The commissioner shall enter into agreements with one or more organizations to conduct such study based on a request for proposal process.

(f) [~~Diversity in medicine/post-baccalaureate program~~] **Scholars in medicine and science and scholarships in medicine programs**. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of section one hundred twelve or one hundred sixty-three of the state finance law or any other law, one million nine hundred sixty thousand dollars annually for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, four hundred ninety thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, one million seven hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, up to one million six hundred five thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen, up to one million six hundred five thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty, up to one million six hundred five thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three, [~~and~~] up to one million six hundred five thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six, **and up to one million six hundred five thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine,** shall be set aside and reserved by the commissioner from the regional pools established pursuant to subdivision two of this section and shall be available for distributions to the Associated Medical Schools of New York to fund its [~~diversity program~~] **scholars in medicine and science and scholarships in medicine programs** including existing and new post-baccalaureate programs for minority and

economically disadvantaged students and encourage participation from all medical schools in New York. The associated medical schools of New York shall report to the commissioner on an annual basis regarding the use of funds for such purpose in such form and manner as specified by the commissioner.

§ 11. Subparagraph (xvi) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 7 of section 2807-s of the public health law, as amended by section 8 of part Y of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

(xvi) provided further, however, for periods prior to July first, two thousand nine, amounts set forth in this paragraph shall be reduced by an amount equal to the actual distribution reductions for all facilities pursuant to paragraph [~~(s)~~] **(o)** of subdivision one of section twenty-eight hundred seven-m of this article.

§ 12. Subdivision (c) of section 92-dd of the state finance law, as amended by section 9 of part Y of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The pool administrator shall, from appropriated funds transferred to the pool administrator from the comptroller, continue to make payments as required pursuant to sections twenty-eight hundred seven-k, twenty-eight hundred seven-m (not including payments made pursuant to **subdivision five-b and** paragraphs **(b),** (c), [~~(d),~~] **(e) and** (f) [~~and (g)~~] of subdivision five-a of section twenty-eight hundred seven-m), and twenty-eight hundred seven-w of the public health law, paragraph (e) of subdivision twenty-five of section twenty-eight hundred seven-c of the public health law, paragraphs (b) and (c) of subdivision thirty of section twenty-eight hundred seven-c of the public health law, paragraph (b) of subdivision eighteen of section twenty-eight hundred eight of the public health law, subdivision seven of section twenty-five hundred-d of the public health law and section eighty-eight of chapter one of the laws of nineteen hundred ninety-nine.

§ 13. Subdivision 4-c of section 2807-p of the public health law, as amended by section 7 of part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

4-c. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner shall make additional payments for uncompensated care to voluntary non-profit diagnostic and treatment centers that are eligible for distributions under subdivision four of this section in the following amounts: for the period June first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six, in the amount of seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine, fifteen million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand eleven though December thirty-first, two thousand eleven, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand twelve through December thirty-first, two thousand twelve, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand thirteen through December thirty-first, two thousand thirteen, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand fourteen through December thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the

period January first, two thousand fifteen through December thirty-first, two thousand fifteen, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first two thousand sixteen through December thirty-first, two thousand sixteen, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand seventeen through December thirty-first, two thousand seventeen, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand eighteen through December thirty-first, two thousand eighteen, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand nineteen through December thirty-first, two thousand nineteen, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand twenty through December thirty-first, two thousand twenty, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand twenty-one through December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-one, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand twenty-two through December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-two, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand twenty-three through December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand twenty-four through December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-four, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand twenty-five through December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-five, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, **for the period January first, two thousand twenty-six through December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand twenty-seven through December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-seven, seven million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand twenty-eight through December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-eight, seven million five hundred thousand dollars,** and for the period January first, two thousand [~~twenty-six~~] **twenty-nine** through March thirty-first, two thousand [~~twenty-six~~] **twenty-nine**, in the amount of one million six hundred thousand dollars, provided, however, that for periods on and after January first, two thousand eight, such additional payments shall be distributed to voluntary, non-profit diagnostic and treatment centers and to public diagnostic and treatment centers in accordance with paragraph (g) of subdivision four of this section. In the event that federal financial participation is available for rate adjustments pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall make such payments as additional adjustments to rates of payment for voluntary non-profit diagnostic and treatment centers that are eligible for distributions under subdivision four-a of this section in the following amounts: for the period June first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six, fifteen million dollars in the aggregate, and for the period January first, two thousand seven through June thirtieth, two thousand seven, seven million five hundred thousand dollars in the aggregate. The amounts allocated pursuant to this paragraph shall be aggregated with and distributed pursuant to the same methodology applicable to the amounts allocated to such diagnostic and treatment centers for such periods pursuant to subdivision four of this section if federal financial participation is not available, or pursuant to subdivision four-a of this section if federal financial participation is available. Notwithstanding section three hundred sixty-eight-a of the social services law, there shall be no local share in a medical assistance payment adjustment under this subdivision.

§ 14. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 6 of section 2807-s of the public health law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (xvii) to read as follows:

(xvii) A gross annual statewide amount for the period January first, two thousand twenty-seven to December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine shall be one billion eighty-five million dollars, forty million dollars annually of which shall be allocated under section twenty-eight hundred seven-o of this article among the municipalities of and the state of New York based on each municipality's share and the state's share of early intervention program expenditures not reimbursable by the medical assistance program for the latest twelve month period for which such data is available.

§ 15. Subparagraph (xiii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 7 of section 2807-s of the public health law, as amended by section 10 of part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(xiii) twenty-three million eight hundred thirty-six thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twelve through March thirty-first, two thousand [~~twenty-six~~] **twenty-nine**;

§ 16. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 6 of section 2807-t of the public health law, as amended by section 11 of part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, for covered lives assessment rate periods on and after January first, two thousand fifteen through December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-one, for amounts collected in the aggregate in excess of one billion forty-five million dollars on an annual basis, and for the period January first, two thousand twenty-two to December thirty-first, two thousand [~~twenty-six~~] **twenty-nine** for amounts collected in the aggregate in excess of one billion eighty-five million dollars on an annual basis, prospective adjustments shall be suspended if the annual reconciliation calculation from the prior year would otherwise result in a decrease to the regional allocation of the specified gross annual payment amount for that region, provided, however, that such suspension shall be lifted upon a determination by the commissioner, in consultation with the director of the budget, that sixty-five million dollars in aggregate collections on an annual basis over and above one billion forty-five million dollars on an annual basis for the period on and after January first, two thousand fifteen through December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-one and for the period January first, two thousand twenty-two to December thirty-first, two thousand [~~twenty-six~~] **twenty-nine** for amounts collected in the aggregate in excess of one billion eighty-five million dollars on an annual basis have been reserved and set aside for deposit in the HCRA resources fund. Any amounts collected in the aggregate at or below one billion forty-five million dollars on an annual basis for the period on and after January first, two thousand fifteen through December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-two, and for the period January first, two thousand twenty-three to December thirty-first, two thousand [~~twenty-six~~] **twenty-nine** for amounts collected in the aggregate in excess of one billion eighty-five million dollars on an annual basis, shall be subject to regional adjustments reconciling any decreases or increases to the regional allocation in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subdivision.

§ 17. Section 2807-v of the public health law, as amended by section 12 of part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2807-v. Tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool distributions. 1. Funds accumulated in the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool or in the health care reform act (HCRA) resources fund established pursuant to section ninety-two-dd of the state finance law, whichever is applicable, including income from invested funds, shall be distributed or retained by the commissioner or by the state comptroller, as applicable, in accordance with the following:

(a) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medicaid fraud hotline and medicaid administration account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of services and expenses related to the toll-free medicaid fraud hotline established pursuant to section one hundred eight of chapter one of the laws of nineteen hundred ninety-nine from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts: four hundred thousand dollars annually for the periods January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand two, up to four hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three, up to four hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four, up to four hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five, up to four hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six, up to four hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven, up to four hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight, up to four hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine, up to four hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, up to one hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven and within amounts appropriated on and after April first, two thousand eleven.

(b) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for purposes of payment of audits or audit contracts necessary to determine payor and provider compliance with requirements set forth in sections twenty-eight hundred seven-j, twenty-eight hundred seven-s and twenty-eight hundred seven-t of this article from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts: five million six hundred thousand dollars annually for the periods January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand two, up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three, up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four, up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five, up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six, up to seven million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven, and up to eight million three hundred twen-

ty-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight, up to eight million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine, up to eight million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, up to two million one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, up to fourteen million seven hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, up to eleven million one hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen, up to eleven million one hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty, up to eleven million one hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three, [~~and~~] up to eleven million one hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six**, and up to eleven million one hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine**.

(c) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, enhanced community services account, or any successor fund or account, for mental health services programs for case management services for adults and children; supported housing; home and community based waiver services; family based treatment; family support services; mobile mental health teams; transitional housing; and community oversight, established pursuant to articles seven and forty-one of the mental hygiene law and subdivision nine of section three hundred sixty-six of the social services law; and for comprehensive care centers for eating disorders pursuant to the former section twenty-seven hundred ninety-nine-l of this chapter, provided however that, for such centers, funds in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis shall be transferred from the enhanced community services account, or any successor fund or account, and deposited into the fund established by section ninety-five-e of the state finance law; from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) forty-eight million dollars to be reserved, to be retained or for distribution pursuant to a chapter of the laws of two thousand, for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand;

(ii) eighty-seven million dollars to be reserved, to be retained or for distribution pursuant to a chapter of the laws of two thousand one, for the period January first, two thousand one through December thirty-first, two thousand one;

(iii) eighty-seven million dollars to be reserved, to be retained or for distribution pursuant to a chapter of the laws of two thousand two, for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(iv) eighty-eight million dollars to be reserved, to be retained or for distribution pursuant to a chapter of the laws of two thousand three, for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(v) eighty-eight million dollars, plus five hundred thousand dollars, to be reserved, to be retained or for distribution pursuant to a chapter of the laws of two thousand four, and pursuant to the former section twenty-seven hundred ninety-nine-l of this chapter, for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(vi) eighty-eight million dollars, plus five hundred thousand dollars, to be reserved, to be retained or for distribution pursuant to a chapter of the laws of two thousand five, and pursuant to the former section twenty-seven hundred ninety-nine-l of this chapter, for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(vii) eighty-eight million dollars, plus five hundred thousand dollars, to be reserved, to be retained or for distribution pursuant to a chapter of the laws of two thousand six, and pursuant to former section twenty-seven hundred ninety-nine-l of this chapter, for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(viii) eighty-six million four hundred thousand dollars, plus five hundred thousand dollars, to be reserved, to be retained or for distribution pursuant to a chapter of the laws of two thousand seven and pursuant to the former section twenty-seven hundred ninety-nine-l of this chapter, for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven; and

(ix) twenty-two million nine hundred thirteen thousand dollars, plus one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, to be reserved, to be retained or for distribution pursuant to a chapter of the laws of two thousand eight and pursuant to the former section twenty-seven hundred ninety-nine-l of this chapter, for the period January first, two thousand eight through March thirty-first, two thousand eight.

(d) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of funding the state share of services and expenses related to the family health plus program including up to two and one-half million dollars annually for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand two, for administration and marketing costs associated with such program established pursuant to clause (A) of subparagraph (v) of paragraph (a) of subdivision two of **former** section three hundred sixty-nine-ee of the social services law from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) three million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand;

(ii) twenty-seven million dollars for the period January first, two thousand one through December thirty-first, two thousand one; and

(iii) fifty-seven million dollars for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two.

(e) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special

revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of funding the state share of services and expenses related to the family health plus program including up to two and one-half million dollars annually for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand two for administration and marketing costs associated with such program established pursuant to clause (B) of subparagraph (v) of paragraph (a) of subdivision two of **former** section three hundred sixty-nine-ee of the social services law from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) two million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand;

(ii) thirty million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand one through December thirty-first, two thousand one; and

(iii) sixty-six million dollars for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two.

(f) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medicaid fraud hotline and medicaid administration account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of payment of administrative expenses of the department related to the family health plus program established pursuant to **former** section three hundred sixty-nine-ee of the social services law from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts: five hundred thousand dollars on an annual basis for the periods January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand six, five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven, and five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight, five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine, five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven and within amounts appropriated on and after April first, two thousand eleven.

(g) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for purposes of services and expenses related to the health maintenance organization direct pay market program established pursuant to sections [~~forty-three~~] **four thousand three** hundred twenty-one-a and [~~forty-three~~] **four thousand three** hundred twenty-two-a of the insurance law from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) up to thirty-five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand of which fifty percentum shall be allocated to the program pursuant to section four thousand three hundred twenty-one-a of the insurance law and fifty percentum to the program pursuant to section four thousand three hundred twenty-two-a of the insurance law;

(ii) up to thirty-six million dollars for the period January first, two thousand one through December thirty-first, two thousand one of

which fifty percentum shall be allocated to the program pursuant to section four thousand three hundred twenty-one-a of the insurance law and fifty percentum to the program pursuant to section four thousand three hundred twenty-two-a of the insurance law;

(iii) up to thirty-nine million dollars for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two of which fifty percentum shall be allocated to the program pursuant to section four thousand three hundred twenty-one-a of the insurance law and fifty percentum to the program pursuant to section four thousand three hundred twenty-two-a of the insurance law;

(iv) up to forty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three of which fifty percentum shall be allocated to the program pursuant to section four thousand three hundred twenty-one-a of the insurance law and fifty percentum to the program pursuant to section four thousand three hundred twenty-two-a of the insurance law;

(v) up to forty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four of which fifty percentum shall be allocated to the program pursuant to section four thousand three hundred twenty-one-a of the insurance law and fifty percentum to the program pursuant to section four thousand three hundred twenty-two-a of the insurance law;

(vi) up to forty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five of which fifty percentum shall be allocated to the program pursuant to section four thousand three hundred twenty-one-a of the insurance law and fifty percentum to the program pursuant to section four thousand three hundred twenty-two-a of the insurance law;

(vii) up to forty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six of which fifty percentum shall be allocated to the program pursuant to section four thousand three hundred twenty-one-a of the insurance law and fifty percentum shall be allocated to the program pursuant to section four thousand three hundred twenty-two-a of the insurance law;

(viii) up to forty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven of which fifty percentum shall be allocated to the program pursuant to section four thousand three hundred twenty-one-a of the insurance law and fifty percentum shall be allocated to the program pursuant to section four thousand three hundred twenty-two-a of the insurance law; and

(ix) up to forty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight of which fifty per centum shall be allocated to the program pursuant to section four thousand three hundred twenty-one-a of the insurance law and fifty per centum shall be allocated to the program pursuant to section four thousand three hundred twenty-two-a of the insurance law.

(h) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for purposes of services and expenses related to the healthy New York individual program established pursuant to sections four thousand three hundred twenty-six and four thousand three hundred twenty-seven of the insurance law from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) up to six million dollars for the period January first, two thousand one through December thirty-first, two thousand one;

(ii) up to twenty-nine million dollars for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;
(iii) up to five million one hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;
(iv) up to twenty-four million six hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;
(v) up to thirty-four million six hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;
(vi) up to fifty-four million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;
(vii) up to sixty-one million seven hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven; and
(viii) up to one hundred three million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight.
(i) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for purposes of services and expenses related to the healthy New York group program established pursuant to sections four thousand three hundred twenty-six and four thousand three hundred twenty-seven of the insurance law from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:
(i) up to thirty-four million dollars for the period January first, two thousand one through December thirty-first, two thousand one;
(ii) up to seventy-seven million dollars for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;
(iii) up to ten million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;
(iv) up to twenty-four million six hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;
(v) up to thirty-four million six hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;
(vi) up to fifty-four million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;
(vii) up to sixty-one million seven hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven; and
(viii) up to one hundred three million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight.
(i-1) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (h) and (i) of this subdivision, the commissioner shall reserve and accumulate up to two million five hundred thousand dollars annually for the periods January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand six, one million four hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven, two million dollars for the period January first, two thousand

eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight, from funds otherwise available for distribution under such paragraphs for the services and expenses related to the pilot program for entertainment industry employees included in subsection (b) of section one thousand one hundred twenty-two of the insurance law, and an additional seven hundred thousand dollars annually for the periods January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand six, an additional three hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through June thirtieth, two thousand seven for services and expenses related to the pilot program for displaced workers included in subsection (c) of section one thousand one hundred twenty-two of the insurance law.

(j) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for purposes of services and expenses related to the tobacco use prevention and control program established pursuant to sections thirteen hundred ninety-nine-ii and thirteen hundred ninety-nine-jj of this chapter, from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) up to thirty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand;

(ii) up to forty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand one through December thirty-first, two thousand one;

(iii) up to forty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(iv) up to thirty-six million nine hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(v) up to thirty-six million nine hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(vi) up to forty million six hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(vii) up to eighty-one million nine hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six, provided, however, that within amounts appropriated, a portion of such funds may be transferred to the Roswell Park Cancer Institute Corporation to support costs associated with cancer research;

(viii) up to ninety-four million one hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven, provided, however, that within amounts appropriated, a portion of such funds may be transferred to the Roswell Park Cancer Institute Corporation to support costs associated with cancer research;

(ix) up to ninety-four million one hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(x) up to ninety-four million one hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(xi) up to eighty-seven million seven hundred seventy-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;

(xii) up to twenty-one million four hundred twelve thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven;

(xiii) up to fifty-two million one hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen;

(xiv) up to six million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen;

(xv) up to six million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty;

(xvi) up to six million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three; [~~and~~]

(xvii) up to six million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six[~~.~~]**; and**

(xviii) up to six million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine.

(k) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue fund - other, HCRA transfer fund, health care services account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of services and expenses related to public health programs, including comprehensive care centers for eating disorders pursuant to the former section twenty-seven hundred ninety-nine-l of this chapter, provided however that, for such centers, funds in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis shall be transferred from the health care services account, or any successor fund or account, and deposited into the fund established by section ninety-five-e of the state finance law for periods prior to March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) up to thirty-one million dollars for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand;

(ii) up to forty-one million dollars for the period January first, two thousand one through December thirty-first, two thousand one;

(iii) up to eighty-one million dollars for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(iv) one hundred twenty-two million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(v) one hundred eight million five hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, plus an additional five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(vi) ninety-one million eight hundred thousand dollars, plus an additional five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(vii) one hundred fifty-six million six hundred thousand dollars, plus an additional five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(viii) one hundred fifty-one million four hundred thousand dollars, plus an additional five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(ix) one hundred sixteen million nine hundred forty-nine thousand dollars, plus an additional five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(x) one hundred sixteen million nine hundred forty-nine thousand dollars, plus an additional five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(xi) one hundred sixteen million nine hundred forty-nine thousand dollars, plus an additional five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;

(xii) twenty-nine million two hundred thirty-seven thousand two hundred fifty dollars, plus an additional one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven;

(xiii) one hundred twenty million thirty-eight thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand twelve; and

(xiv) one hundred nineteen million four hundred seven thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twelve through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen.

(l) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of funding the state share of the personal care and certified home health agency rate or fee increases established pursuant to subdivision three of section three hundred sixty-seven-o of the social services law from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) twenty-three million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand;

(ii) twenty-three million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand one through December thirty-first, two thousand one;

(iii) twenty-three million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(iv) up to sixty-five million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(v) up to sixty-five million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(vi) up to sixty-five million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(vii) up to sixty-five million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(viii) up to sixty-five million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven; and

(ix) up to sixteen million three hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through March thirty-first, two thousand eight.

(m) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of funding the state share of services and expenses related to home care workers insurance pilot demonstration programs established pursuant to subdivision two of section three hundred sixty-seven-o of the social services law from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) three million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand;

(ii) three million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand one through December thirty-first, two thousand one;

(iii) three million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(iv) up to three million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(v) up to three million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(vi) up to three million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(vii) up to three million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(viii) up to three million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven; and

(ix) up to nine hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through March thirty-first, two thousand eight.

(n) Funds shall be transferred by the commissioner and shall be deposited to the credit of the special revenue funds - other, miscellaneous special revenue fund - 339, elderly pharmaceutical insurance coverage program premium account authorized pursuant to the provisions of title three of article two of the elder law, or any successor fund or account, for funding state expenses relating to the program from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) one hundred seven million dollars for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand;

(ii) one hundred sixty-four million dollars for the period January first, two thousand one through December thirty-first, two thousand one;

(iii) three hundred twenty-two million seven hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(iv) four hundred thirty-three million three hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(v) five hundred four million one hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(vi) five hundred sixty-six million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(vii) six hundred three million one hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(viii) six hundred sixty million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(ix) three hundred sixty-seven million four hundred sixty-three thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(x) three hundred thirty-four million eight hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(xi) three hundred forty-four million nine hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;

(xii) eighty-seven million seven hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven;

(xiii) one hundred forty-three million one hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand twelve;

(xiv) one hundred twenty million nine hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand twelve through March thirty-first, two thousand thirteen;

(xv) one hundred twenty-eight million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand thirteen through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen;

(xvi) one hundred twenty-seven million four hundred sixteen thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen;

(xvii) one hundred twenty-seven million four hundred sixteen thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty;

(xviii) one hundred twenty-seven million four hundred sixteen thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three; [~~and~~]

(xix) one hundred twenty-seven million four hundred sixteen thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six[~~.~~]**; and**

(xx) one hundred twenty-seven million four hundred sixteen thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine.

(o) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated and shall be transferred to the Roswell Park Cancer Institute Corporation, from the tobacco

control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) up to ninety million dollars for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand;

(ii) up to sixty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand one through December thirty-first, two thousand one;

(iii) up to eighty-five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(iv) eighty-five million two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(v) seventy-eight million dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(vi) seventy-eight million dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(vii) ninety-one million dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(viii) seventy-eight million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(ix) seventy-eight million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(x) seventy-eight million dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(xi) seventy-eight million dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;

(xii) nineteen million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven;

(xiii) sixty-nine million eight hundred forty thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen;

(xiv) up to ninety-six million six hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen;

(xv) up to ninety-six million six hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty;

(xvi) up to ninety-six million six hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three; [~~and~~]

(xvii) up to ninety-six million six hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six[~~.~~]**; and**

(xviii) up to ninety-six million six hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine.

(p) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, indigent care fund - 068, indigent care account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of providing a medicaid disproportionate share payment from the high need indigent care adjustment pool established pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred seven-w of this article, from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) eighty-two million dollars annually for the periods January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand two;
(ii) up to eighty-two million dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;
(iii) up to eighty-two million dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;
(iv) up to eighty-two million dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;
(v) up to eighty-two million dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;
(vi) up to eighty-two million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;
(vii) up to eighty-two million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;
(viii) up to eighty-two million dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;
(ix) up to eighty-two million dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;
(x) up to twenty million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven; and
(xi) up to eighty-two million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen.

(q) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for purposes of providing distributions to eligible school based health centers established pursuant to section eighty-eight of chapter one of the laws of nineteen hundred ninety-nine, from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:
(i) seven million dollars annually for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand two;
(ii) up to seven million dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;
(iii) up to seven million dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;
(iv) up to seven million dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;
(v) up to seven million dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;
(vi) up to seven million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;
(vii) up to seven million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;
(viii) up to seven million dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;
(ix) up to seven million dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;
(x) up to one million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven;
(xi) up to five million six hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen;

(xii) up to five million two hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen;

(xiii) up to five million two hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty;

(xiv) up to five million two hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three; [~~and~~]

(xv) up to five million two hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six[~~.~~]; and

(xvi) up to five million two hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine.

(r) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of providing distributions for supplementary medical insurance for Medicare part B premiums, physicians services, outpatient services, medical equipment, supplies and other health services, from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) forty-three million dollars for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand;

(ii) sixty-one million dollars for the period January first, two thousand one through December thirty-first, two thousand one;

(iii) sixty-five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(iv) sixty-seven million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(v) sixty-eight million dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(vi) sixty-eight million dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(vii) sixty-eight million dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(viii) seventeen million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(ix) sixty-eight million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(x) sixty-eight million dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(xi) sixty-eight million dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;

(xii) seventeen million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven; and

(xiii) sixty-eight million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen.

(s) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds -

other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of providing distributions pursuant to paragraphs (s-5), (s-6), (s-7) and (s-8) of subdivision eleven of section twenty-eight hundred seven-c of this article from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) eighteen million dollars for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand;

(ii) twenty-four million dollars annually for the periods January first, two thousand one through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(iii) up to twenty-four million dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(iv) up to twenty-four million dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(v) up to twenty-four million dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(vi) up to twenty-four million dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(vii) up to twenty-four million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(viii) up to twenty-four million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight; and

(ix) up to twenty-two million dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through November thirtieth, two thousand nine.

(t) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year by the commissioner and shall be made available, including income from invested funds:

(i) For the purpose of making grants to a state owned and operated medical school which does not have a state owned and operated hospital on site and available for teaching purposes. Notwithstanding sections one hundred twelve and one hundred sixty-three of the state finance law, such grants shall be made in the amount of up to five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand;

(ii) For the purpose of making grants to medical schools pursuant to section eighty-six-a of chapter one of the laws of nineteen hundred ninety-nine in the sum of up to four million dollars for the period January first, two thousand through December thirty-first, two thousand; and

(iii) The funds disbursed pursuant to subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool are contingent upon meeting all funding amounts established pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (l), (m), (n), (p), (q), (r) and (s) of this subdivision, paragraph (a) of subdivision nine of section twenty-eight hundred seven-j of this article, and paragraphs (a), (i) and (k) of subdivision one of section twenty-eight hundred seven-l of this article.

(u) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of funding the state share of services and expenses related to the nursing home quality improvement demonstration program established pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred eight-d of this article from the tobacco control and

insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) up to twenty-five million dollars for the period beginning April first, two thousand two and ending December thirty-first, two thousand two, and on an annualized basis, for each annual period thereafter beginning January first, two thousand three and ending December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(ii) up to eighteen million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five; and

(iii) up to fifty-six million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six.

(v) Funds shall be transferred by the commissioner and shall be deposited to the credit of the hospital excess liability pool created pursuant to section eighteen of chapter two hundred sixty-six of the laws of nineteen hundred eighty-six, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of expenses related to the purchase of excess medical malpractice insurance and the cost of administrating the pool, including costs associated with the risk management program established pursuant to section forty-two of part A of chapter one of the laws of two thousand two required by paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section eighteen of chapter two hundred sixty-six of the laws of nineteen hundred eighty-six as may be amended from time to time, from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) up to fifty million dollars or so much as is needed for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(ii) up to seventy-six million seven hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(iii) up to sixty-five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(iv) up to sixty-five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(v) up to one hundred thirteen million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(vi) up to one hundred thirty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(vii) up to one hundred thirty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(viii) up to one hundred thirty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(ix) up to one hundred thirty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;

(x) up to thirty-two million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven;

(xi) up to one hundred twenty-seven million four hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen;

(xii) up to one hundred twenty-seven million four hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen;

(xiii) up to one hundred twenty-seven million four hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty;

(xiv) up to one hundred twenty-seven million four hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three; [~~and~~]

(xv) up to one hundred twenty-seven million four hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six[~~.~~]**; and**

(xvi) up to one hundred twenty-seven million four hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine.

(w) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of funding the state share of the treatment of breast and cervical cancer pursuant to paragraph (d) of subdivision four of section three hundred sixty-six of the social services law, from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) up to four hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(ii) up to two million one hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(iii) up to two million one hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(iv) up to two million one hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(v) up to two million one hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(vi) up to two million one hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(vii) up to two million one hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(viii) up to two million one hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(ix) up to two million one hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;

(x) up to five hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven;

(xi) up to two million one hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen;

(xii) up to two million one hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen;

(xiii) up to two million one hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty;

(xiv) up to two million one hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three; [~~and~~]

(xv) up to two million one hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six[~~.~~]**; and**

(xvi) up to two million one hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine.

(x) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of funding the state share of the non-public general hospital rates increases for recruitment and retention of health care workers from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) twenty-seven million one hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(ii) fifty million eight hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(iii) sixty-nine million three hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(iv) sixty-nine million three hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(v) sixty-nine million three hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(vi) sixty-five million three hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(vii) sixty-one million one hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight; and

(viii) forty-eight million seven hundred twenty-one thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through November thirtieth, two thousand nine.

(y) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for purposes of grants to public general hospitals for recruitment and retention of health care workers pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision thirty of section twenty-eight hundred seven-c of this article from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) eighteen million five hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(ii) thirty-seven million four hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(iii) fifty-two million two hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(iv) fifty-two million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(v) fifty-two million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(vi) forty-nine million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(vii) forty-nine million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight; and

(viii) twelve million two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through March thirty-first, two thousand nine.

Provided, however, amounts pursuant to this paragraph may be reduced in an amount to be approved by the director of the budget to reflect amounts received from the federal government under the state's 1115 waiver which are directed under its terms and conditions to the health workforce recruitment and retention program.

(z) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of funding the state share of the non-public residential health care facility rate increases for recruitment and retention of health care workers pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision eighteen of section twenty-eight hundred eight of this article from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) twenty-one million five hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(ii) thirty-three million three hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(iii) forty-six million three hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(iv) forty-six million three hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(v) forty-six million three hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(vi) thirty million nine hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(vii) twenty-four million seven hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(viii) twelve million three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(ix) nine million three hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten; and

(x) two million three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven.

(aa) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for purposes of grants to public residential health care facilities for recruitment and retention of health care workers pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision eighteen of section twenty-eight hundred eight of this article from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) seven million five hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(ii) eleven million seven hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(iii) sixteen million two hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(iv) sixteen million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(v) sixteen million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(vi) ten million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(vii) six million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight; and

(viii) one million three hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine.

(bb)(i) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and subject to the availability of federal financial participation, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for the purpose of supporting the state share of adjustments to Medicaid rates of payment for personal care services provided pursuant to paragraph (e) of subdivision two of section three hundred sixty-five-a of the social services law, for local social service districts which include a city with a population of over one million persons and computed and distributed in accordance with memorandums of understanding to be entered into between the state of New York and such local social service districts for the purpose of support-

ing the recruitment and retention of personal care service workers or any worker with direct patient care responsibility, from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods and the following amounts:

(A) forty-four million dollars, on an annualized basis, for the period April first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(B) seventy-four million dollars, on an annualized basis, for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(C) one hundred four million dollars, on an annualized basis, for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(D) one hundred thirty-six million dollars, on an annualized basis, for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(E) one hundred thirty-six million dollars, on an annualized basis, for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(F) one hundred thirty-six million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(G) one hundred thirty-six million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(H) one hundred thirty-six million dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(I) one hundred thirty-six million dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;

(J) thirty-four million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven;

(K) up to one hundred thirty-six million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen;

(L) up to one hundred thirty-six million dollars each state fiscal year for the period March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen through April first, two thousand seventeen;

(M) up to one hundred thirty-six million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty;

(N) up to one hundred thirty-six million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three; [~~and~~]

(O) up to one hundred thirty-six million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six[~~.~~]**; and**

(P) up to one hundred thirty-six million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine.

(ii) Adjustments to Medicaid rates made pursuant to this paragraph shall not, in aggregate, exceed the following amounts for the following periods:

(A) for the period April first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two, one hundred ten million dollars;

(B) for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three, one hundred eighty-five million dollars;

(C) for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four, two hundred sixty million dollars;

(D) for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five, three hundred forty million dollars;

(E) for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six, three hundred forty million dollars;

(F) for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven, three hundred forty million dollars;

(G) for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight, three hundred forty million dollars;

(H) for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine, three hundred forty million dollars;

(I) for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, three hundred forty million dollars;

(J) for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, eighty-five million dollars;

(K) for each state fiscal year within the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, three hundred forty million dollars;

(L) for each state fiscal year within the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen, three hundred forty million dollars;

(M) for each state fiscal year within the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty, three hundred forty million dollars;

(N) for each state fiscal year within the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three, three hundred forty million dollars; [~~and~~]

(O) for each state fiscal year within the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six, three hundred forty million dollars[~~.~~]**; and**

(P) for each state fiscal year within the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine, three hundred forty million dollars.

(iii) Personal care service providers which have their rates adjusted pursuant to this paragraph shall use such funds for the purpose of recruitment and retention of non-supervisory personal care services workers or any worker with direct patient care responsibility only and are prohibited from using such funds for any other purpose. Each such personal care services provider shall submit, at a time and in a manner to be determined by the commissioner, a written certification attesting that such funds will be used solely for the purpose of recruitment and retention of non-supervisory personal care services workers or any worker with direct patient care responsibility. The commissioner is authorized to audit each such provider to ensure compliance with the written certification required by this subdivision and shall recoup any funds determined to have been used for purposes other than recruitment and retention of non-supervisory personal care services workers or any worker with direct patient care responsibility. Such recoupment shall be in addition to any other penalties provided by law.

(cc) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special

revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for the purpose of supporting the state share of adjustments to Medicaid rates of payment for personal care services provided pursuant to paragraph (e) of subdivision two of section three hundred sixty-five-a of the social services law, for local social service districts which shall not include a city with a population of over one million persons for the purpose of supporting the personal care services worker recruitment and retention program as established pursuant to section three hundred sixty-seven-q of the social services law, from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods and the following amounts:

(i) two million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(ii) five million six hundred thousand dollars, on an annualized basis, for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(iii) eight million four hundred thousand dollars, on an annualized basis, for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(iv) ten million eight hundred thousand dollars, on an annualized basis, for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(v) ten million eight hundred thousand dollars, on an annualized basis, for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(vi) eleven million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(vii) eleven million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(viii) eleven million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(ix) eleven million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;

(x) two million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven;

(xi) up to eleven million two hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen;

(xii) up to eleven million two hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen;

(xiii) up to eleven million two hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty;

(xiv) up to eleven million two hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three; [~~and~~]

(xv) up to eleven million two hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six[~~.~~]**; and**

(xvi) up to eleven million two hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine.

(dd) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue fund - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of funding the state share of Medicaid expenditures for physician services from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) up to fifty-two million dollars for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(ii) eighty-one million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(iii) eighty-five million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(iv) eighty-five million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(v) eighty-five million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(vi) eighty-five million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(vii) eighty-five million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(viii) eighty-five million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(ix) eighty-five million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;

(x) twenty-one million three hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven; and

(xi) eighty-five million two hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen.

(ee) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue fund - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of funding the state share of the free-standing diagnostic and treatment center rate increases for recruitment and retention of health care workers pursuant to subdivision seventeen of section twenty-eight hundred seven of this article from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) three million two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(ii) three million two hundred fifty thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(iii) three million two hundred fifty thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(iv) three million two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(v) three million two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(vi) three million two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(vii) three million four hundred thirty-eight thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(viii) two million four hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(ix) one million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten; and

(x) three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven.

(ff) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue fund - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of funding the state share of Medicaid expenditures for disabled persons as authorized pursuant to former subparagraphs twelve and thirteen of paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section three hundred sixty-six of the social services law from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) one million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(ii) sixteen million four hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(iii) eighteen million seven hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(iv) thirty million six hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(v) thirty million six hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(vi) thirty million six hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(vii) fifteen million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(viii) fifteen million dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(ix) fifteen million dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;

(x) three million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven;

(xi) fifteen million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen;

(xii) fifteen million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen;

(xiii) fifteen million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty;

(xiv) fifteen million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three; [~~and~~]

(xv) fifteen million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six[~~.~~]**; and**

(xvi) fifteen million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine.

(gg) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for purposes of grants to non-public general hospitals pursuant to paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section twenty-eight hundred seven-c of this article from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) up to one million three hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(ii) up to three million two hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(iii) up to five million six hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(iv) up to eight million six hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(v) up to eight million six hundred thousand dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(vi) up to two million six hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(vii) up to two million six hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(viii) up to two million six hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(ix) up to two million six hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten; and

(x) up to six hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven.

(hh) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the special revenue fund - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account for purposes of providing financial assistance to residential health care facilities pursuant to subdivisions nineteen and twenty-one of section twenty-eight hundred eight of this article, from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) for the period April first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two, ten million dollars;

(ii) for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three, nine million four hundred fifty thousand dollars;

(iii) for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four, nine million three hundred fifty thousand dollars;

(iv) up to fifteen million dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(v) up to fifteen million dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(vi) up to fifteen million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(vii) up to fifteen million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(viii) up to fifteen million dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(ix) up to fifteen million dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;

(x) up to three million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven; and

(xi) fifteen million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen.

(ii) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for the purpose of supporting the state share of Medicaid expenditures for disabled persons as authorized by sections 1619 (a) and (b) of the federal social security act pursuant to the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) six million four hundred thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(ii) eight million five hundred thousand dollars, for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(iii) eight million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(iv) eight million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(v) eight million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(vi) eight million six hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(vii) eight million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(viii) eight million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(ix) eight million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;

(x) two million one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven;

(xi) eight million five hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen;

(xii) eight million five hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen;

(xiii) eight million five hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty;

(xiv) eight million five hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three; [~~and~~]

(xv) eight million five hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six[~~.~~]**; and**

(xvi) eight million five hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine.

(jj) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for the purposes of a grant program to improve access to infertility services, treatments and procedures, from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two in the amount of nine million one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, for the period April first, two thousand six through March thirty-first, two thousand seven in the amount of five million dollars, for the period April first, two thousand seven through March thirty-first, two thousand eight in the amount of five million dollars, for the period April first, two thousand eight through March thirty-first, two thousand nine in the amount of five million dollars, and for the period April first, two thousand nine through March thirty-first, two thousand ten in the amount of five million dollars, for the period April first, two thousand ten through

March thirty-first, two thousand eleven in the amount of two million two hundred thousand dollars, and for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand twelve up to one million one hundred thousand dollars.

(kk) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds -- other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of funding the state share of Medical Assistance Program expenditures from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) thirty-eight million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(ii) up to two hundred ninety-five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(iii) up to four hundred seventy-two million dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(iv) up to nine hundred million dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(v) up to eight hundred sixty-six million three hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(vi) up to six hundred sixteen million seven hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(vii) up to five hundred seventy-eight million nine hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight; and

(viii) within amounts appropriated on and after January first, two thousand nine.

(ll) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds -- other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of funding the state share of Medicaid expenditures related to the city of New York from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) eighty-two million seven hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand two through December thirty-first, two thousand two;

(ii) one hundred twenty-four million six hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(iii) one hundred twenty-four million seven hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(iv) one hundred twenty-four million seven hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(v) one hundred twenty-four million seven hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(vi) one hundred twenty-four million seven hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(vii) one hundred twenty-four million seven hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(viii) one hundred twenty-four million seven hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(ix) one hundred twenty-four million seven hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;

(x) thirty-one million one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven; and

(xi) one hundred twenty-four million seven hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen.

(mm) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of funding specified percentages of the state share of services and expenses related to the family health plus program in accordance with the following schedule:

(i) (A) for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand four, one hundred percent of the state share;

(B) for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five, seventy-five percent of the state share; and

(C) for periods beginning on and after January first, two thousand six, fifty percent of the state share.

(ii) Funding for the family health plus program will include up to five million dollars annually for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand six, up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven, up to seven million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight, up to seven million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine, up to seven million two hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten, up to one million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, up to six million forty-nine thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand twelve, up to six million two hundred eighty-nine thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand twelve through March thirty-first, two thousand thirteen, and up to six million four hundred sixty-one thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand thirteen through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, for administration and marketing

costs associated with such program established pursuant to clauses (A) and (B) of subparagraph (v) of paragraph (a) of subdivision two of the former section three hundred sixty-nine-ee of the social services law from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(A) one hundred ninety million six hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(B) three hundred seventy-four million dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(C) five hundred thirty-eight million four hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(D) three hundred eighteen million seven hundred seventy-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(E) four hundred eighty-two million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(F) five hundred seventy million twenty-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(G) six hundred ten million seven hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(H) six hundred twenty-seven million two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;

(I) one hundred fifty-seven million eight hundred seventy-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven;

(J) six hundred twenty-eight million four hundred thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand twelve;

(K) six hundred fifty million four hundred thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand twelve through March thirty-first, two thousand thirteen;

(L) six hundred fifty million four hundred thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand thirteen through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen; and

(M) up to three hundred ten million five hundred ninety-five thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand fifteen.

(nn) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue fund - other, HCRA transfer fund, health care services account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes related to adult home initiatives for medicaid eligible residents of residential facilities licensed pursuant to section four hundred sixty-b of the social services law from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) up to four million dollars for the period January first, two thousand three through December thirty-first, two thousand three;

(ii) up to six million dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(iii) up to eight million dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five, provided, however, that up to five million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of such funds shall be received by the comptroller and deposited to the credit of the special revenue fund - other / aid to localities, HCRA transfer fund - 061, enhanced community services account - 05, or any successor fund or account, for the purposes set forth in this paragraph;

(iv) up to eight million dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six, provided, however, that up to five million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of such funds shall be received by the comptroller and deposited to the credit of the special revenue fund - other / aid to localities, HCRA transfer fund - 061, enhanced community services account - 05, or any successor fund or account, for the purposes set forth in this paragraph;

(v) up to eight million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven, provided, however, that up to five million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of such funds shall be received by the comptroller and deposited to the credit of the special revenue fund - other / aid to localities, HCRA transfer fund - 061, enhanced community services account - 05, or any successor fund or account, for the purposes set forth in this paragraph;

(vi) up to two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(vii) up to two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(viii) up to two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten; and

(ix) up to six hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven.

(oo) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for purposes of grants to non-public general hospitals pursuant to paragraph (e) of subdivision twenty-five of section twenty-eight hundred seven-c of this article from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) up to five million dollars on an annualized basis for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(ii) up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(iii) up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(iv) up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(v) up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(vi) up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(vii) up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten; and

(viii) up to one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven.

(pp) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for the purpose of supporting the provision of tax credits for long term care insurance pursuant to subdivision one of section one hundred ninety of the tax law, paragraph (a) of subdivision fourteen of section two hundred ten-B of such law, subsection (aa) of section six hundred six of such law and paragraph one of subdivision (m) of section fifteen hundred eleven of such law, in the following amounts:

(i) ten million dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(ii) ten million dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(iii) ten million dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six; and

(iv) five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through June thirtieth, two thousand seven.

(qq) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for the purpose of supporting the long-term care insurance education and outreach program established pursuant to section two hundred seventeen-a of the elder law for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four; of such funds one million nine hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be made available to the department for the purpose of developing, implementing and administering the long-term care insurance education and outreach program and three million fifty thousand dollars shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, long term care insurance resource center account of the state office for the aging or any future account designated for the purpose of implementing the long term care insurance education and outreach program and providing the long term care insurance resource centers with the necessary resources to carry out their operations;

(ii) up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five; of such funds one million nine hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be made available to the department for the purpose of developing, implementing and administering the long-term care insurance education and outreach program and three million fifty thousand dollars shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, long term care insurance resource center account of the state office for the aging or any future account designated for the purpose of implementing the long term care insurance education and outreach program and providing the long term care insurance resource centers with the necessary resources to carry out their operations;

(iii) up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six; of such

funds one million nine hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be made available to the department for the purpose of developing, implementing and administering the long-term care insurance education and outreach program and three million fifty thousand dollars shall be made available to the office for the aging for the purpose of providing the long term care insurance resource centers with the necessary resources to carry out their operations;

(iv) up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven; of such funds one million nine hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be made available to the department for the purpose of developing, implementing and administering the long-term care insurance education and outreach program and three million fifty thousand dollars shall be made available to the office for the aging for the purpose of providing the long term care insurance resource centers with the necessary resources to carry out their operations;

(v) up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight; of such funds one million nine hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be made available to the department for the purpose of developing, implementing and administering the long term care insurance education and outreach program and three million fifty thousand dollars shall be made available to the office for the aging for the purpose of providing the long term care insurance resource centers with the necessary resources to carry out their operations;

(vi) up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine; of such funds one million nine hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be made available to the department for the purpose of developing, implementing and administering the long-term care insurance education and outreach program and three million fifty thousand dollars shall be made available to the office for the aging for the purpose of providing the long-term care insurance resource centers with the necessary resources to carry out their operations;

(vii) up to four hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through March thirty-first, two thousand ten; of such funds four hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars shall be made available to the department for the purpose of developing, implementing and administering the long-term care insurance education and outreach program.

(rr) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for the purpose of supporting expenses related to implementation of the provisions of title three of article twenty-nine-D of this chapter, for the following periods and in the following amounts:

(i) up to ten million dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(ii) up to ten million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(iii) up to ten million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(iv) up to ten million dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(v) up to ten million dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten; and

(vi) up to two million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven.

(ss) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool and used for a health care stabilization program established by the commissioner for the purposes of stabilizing critical health care providers and health care programs whose ability to continue to provide appropriate services are threatened by financial or other challenges, in the amount of up to twenty-eight million dollars for the period July first, two thousand four through June thirtieth, two thousand five. Notwithstanding the provisions of section one hundred twelve of the state finance law or any other inconsistent provision of the state finance law or any other law, funds available for distribution pursuant to this paragraph may be allocated and distributed by the commissioner, or the state comptroller as applicable without a competitive bid or request for proposal process. Considerations relied upon by the commissioner in determining the allocation and distribution of these funds shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (i) the importance of the provider or program in meeting critical health care needs in the community in which it operates; (ii) the provider or program provision of care to under-served populations; (iii) the quality of the care or services the provider or program delivers; (iv) the ability of the provider or program to continue to deliver an appropriate level of care or services if additional funding is made available; (v) the ability of the provider or program to access, in a timely manner, alternative sources of funding, including other sources of government funding; (vi) the ability of other providers or programs in the community to meet the community health care needs; (vii) whether the provider or program has an appropriate plan to improve its financial condition; and (viii) whether additional funding would permit the provider or program to consolidate, relocate, or close programs or services where such actions would result in greater stability and efficiency in the delivery of needed health care services or programs.

(tt) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for purposes of providing grants for two long term care demonstration projects designed to test new models for the delivery of long term care services established pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred seven-x of this [~~chapter~~] **article**, for the following periods and in the following amounts:

(i) up to five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four;

(ii) up to five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(iii) up to five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(iv) up to one million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven; and

(v) up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through March thirty-first, two thousand eight.

(uu) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for the purpose of supporting disease management and telemedicine demonstration programs authorized pursuant to section twenty-one hundred eleven of this chapter for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand four through December thirty-first, two thousand four, of which three million dollars shall be available for disease management demonstration programs and two million dollars shall be available for telemedicine demonstration programs;

(ii) five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five, of which three million dollars shall be available for disease management demonstration programs and two million dollars shall be available for telemedicine demonstration programs;

(iii) nine million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six, of which seven million five hundred thousand dollars shall be available for disease management demonstration programs and two million dollars shall be available for telemedicine demonstration programs;

(iv) nine million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven, of which seven million five hundred thousand dollars shall be available for disease management demonstration programs and one million dollars shall be available for telemedicine demonstration programs;

(v) nine million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight, of which seven million five hundred thousand dollars shall be available for disease management demonstration programs and two million dollars shall be available for telemedicine demonstration programs;

(vi) seven million eight hundred thirty-three thousand three hundred thirty-three dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine, of which seven million five hundred thousand dollars shall be available for disease management demonstration programs and three hundred thirty-three thousand three hundred thirty-three dollars shall be available for telemedicine demonstration programs for the period January first, two thousand nine through March first, two thousand nine;

(vii) one million eight hundred seventy-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through March thirty-first, two thousand ten shall be available for disease management demonstration programs.

(ww) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for the deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of funding the state share of the general hospital rates increases for recruitment and retention of health care workers pursuant to paragraph (e) of subdivision thirty of section twenty-eight hundred seven-c of this article from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) sixty million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five; and

(ii) sixty million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six.

(xx) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for the deposit to the credit of the state special

revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of funding the state share of the general hospital rates increases for rural hospitals pursuant to subdivision thirty-two of section twenty-eight hundred seven-c of this article from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) three million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(ii) three million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(iii) three million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(iv) three million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight; and

(v) three million two hundred eight thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through November thirtieth, two thousand nine.

(yy) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, within amounts appropriated and notwithstanding section one hundred twelve of the state finance law and any other contrary provision of law, for the purpose of supporting grants not to exceed five million dollars to be made by the commissioner without a competitive bid or request for proposal process, in support of the delivery of critically needed health care services, to health care providers located in the counties of Erie and Niagara which executed a memorandum of closing and conducted a merger closing in escrow on November twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred ninety-seven and which entered into a settlement dated December thirtieth, two thousand four for a loss on disposal of assets under the provisions of title XVIII of the federal social security act applicable to mergers occurring prior to December first, nineteen hundred ninety-seven.

(zz) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, within amounts appropriated, for the purpose of supporting expenditures authorized pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred eighteen of this article from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) six million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand five through December thirty-first, two thousand five;

(ii) one hundred eight million three hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six, provided, however, that within amounts appropriated in the two thousand six through two thousand seven state fiscal year, a portion of such funds may be transferred to the Roswell Park Cancer Institute Corporation to fund capital costs;

(iii) one hundred seventy-one million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven, provided, however, that within amounts appropriated in the two thousand six through two thousand seven state fiscal year, a portion of such funds may be transferred to the Roswell Park Cancer Institute Corporation to fund capital costs;

(iv) one hundred seventy-one million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(v) one hundred twenty-eight million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(vi) one hundred thirty-one million three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;

(vii) thirty-four million two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven;

(viii) four hundred thirty-three million three hundred sixty-six thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand twelve;

(ix) one hundred fifty million eight hundred six thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand twelve through March thirty-first, two thousand thirteen;

(x) seventy-eight million seventy-one thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand thirteen through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen.

(aaa) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for services and expenses related to school based health centers, in an amount up to three million five hundred thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand six through March thirty-first, two thousand seven, up to three million five hundred thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand seven through March thirty-first, two thousand eight, up to three million five hundred thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand eight through March thirty-first, two thousand nine, up to three million five hundred thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand nine through March thirty-first, two thousand ten, up to three million five hundred thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand ten through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven, up to two million eight hundred thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, up to two million six hundred forty-four thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen, up to two million six hundred forty-four thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty, up to two million six hundred forty-four thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three, [~~and~~] up to two million six hundred forty-four thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six**, and up to two million six hundred forty-four thousand dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine**. The total amount of funds provided herein shall be distributed as grants based on the ratio of each provider's total enrollment for all sites to the total enrollment of all providers. This formula shall be applied to the total amount provided herein.

(bbb) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, for purposes

of awarding grants to operators of adult homes, enriched housing programs and residences through the enhancing abilities and life experience (EnAbLe) program to provide for the installation, operation and maintenance of air conditioning in resident rooms, consistent with this paragraph, in an amount up to two million dollars for the period April first, two thousand six through March thirty-first, two thousand seven, up to three million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand seven through March thirty-first, two thousand eight, up to three million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand eight through March thirty-first, two thousand nine, up to three million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand nine through March thirty-first, two thousand ten, and up to three million eight hundred thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand ten through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven. Residents shall not be charged utility cost for the use of air conditioners supplied under the EnAbLe program. All such air conditioners must be operated in occupied resident rooms consistent with requirements applicable to common areas.

(ccc) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for the deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of funding the state share of increases in the rates for certified home health agencies, long term home health care programs, AIDS home care programs, hospice programs and managed long term care plans and approved managed long term care operating demonstrations as defined in section forty-four hundred three-f of this chapter for recruitment and retention of health care workers pursuant to subdivisions nine and ten of section thirty-six hundred fourteen of this chapter from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) twenty-five million dollars for the period June first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six;

(ii) fifty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand seven through December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(iii) fifty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight;

(iv) fifty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through December thirty-first, two thousand nine;

(v) fifty million dollars for the period January first, two thousand ten through December thirty-first, two thousand ten;

(vi) twelve million five hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand eleven;

(vii) up to fifty million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand fourteen;

(viii) up to fifty million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand fourteen through March thirty-first, two thousand seventeen;

(ix) up to fifty million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand seventeen through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty;

(x) up to fifty million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three; [~~and~~]

(xi) up to fifty million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-three through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six[~~.~~]**; and**

(xii) up to fifty million dollars each state fiscal year for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine.

(ddd) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for the deposit to the credit of the state special revenue funds - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for purposes of funding the state share of increases in the medical assistance rates for providers for purposes of enhancing the provision, quality and/or efficiency of home care services pursuant to subdivision eleven of section thirty-six hundred fourteen of this chapter from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following period in the amount of eight million dollars for the period April first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six.

(eee) Funds shall be reserved and accumulated from year to year and shall be available, including income from invested funds, to the Center for Functional Genomics at the State University of New York at Albany, for the purposes of the Adirondack network for cancer education and research in rural communities grant program to improve access to health care and shall be made available from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established for the following period in the amount of up to five million dollars for the period January first, two thousand six through December thirty-first, two thousand six.

(fff) Funds shall be made available to the empire state stem cell trust fund established by section ninety-nine-p of the state finance law within amounts appropriated up to fifty million dollars annually and shall not exceed five hundred million dollars in total.

(ggg) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue fund - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for the purpose of supporting the state share of Medicaid expenditures for hospital translation services as authorized pursuant to paragraph (k) of subdivision one of section twenty-eight hundred seven-c of this article from the tobacco control and initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) sixteen million dollars for the period July first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight; and

(ii) fourteen million seven hundred thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through November thirtieth, two thousand nine.

(hhh) Funds shall be deposited by the commissioner, within amounts appropriated, and the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the state special revenue fund - other, HCRA transfer fund, medical assistance account, or any successor fund or account, for the purpose of supporting the state share of Medicaid expenditures for adjustments to inpatient rates of payment for general hospitals located in the counties of Nassau and

Suffolk as authorized pursuant to paragraph (l) of subdivision one of section twenty-eight hundred seven-c of this article from the tobacco control and initiatives pool established for the following periods in the following amounts:

(i) two million five hundred thousand dollars for the period April first, two thousand eight through December thirty-first, two thousand eight; and

(ii) two million two hundred ninety-two thousand dollars for the period January first, two thousand nine through November thirtieth, two thousand nine.

(iii) Funds shall be reserved and set aside and accumulated from year to year and shall be made available, including income from investment funds, for the purpose of supporting the New York state medical indemnity fund as authorized pursuant to title four of article twenty-nine-D of this chapter, for the following periods and in the following amounts, provided, however, that the commissioner is authorized to seek waiver authority from the federal centers for medicare and Medicaid for the purpose of securing Medicaid federal financial participation for such program, in which case the funding authorized pursuant to this paragraph shall be utilized as the non-federal share for such payments:

Thirty million dollars for the period April first, two thousand eleven through March thirty-first, two thousand twelve.

2. (a) For periods prior to January first, two thousand five, the commissioner is authorized to contract with the article forty-three insurance law plans, or such other contractors as the commissioner shall designate, to receive and distribute funds from the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool established pursuant to this section. In the event contracts with the article forty-three insurance law plans or other commissioner's designees are effectuated, the commissioner shall conduct annual audits of the receipt and distribution of such funds. The reasonable costs and expenses of an administrator as approved by the commissioner, not to exceed for personnel services on an annual basis five hundred thousand dollars, for collection and distribution of funds pursuant to this section shall be paid from such funds.

(b) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of section one hundred twelve or one hundred sixty-three of the state finance law or any other law, at the discretion of the commissioner without a competitive bid or request for proposal process, contracts in effect for administration of pools established pursuant to sections twenty-eight hundred seven-k, twenty-eight hundred seven-l and twenty-eight hundred seven-m of this article for the period January first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine may be extended to provide for administration pursuant to this section and may be amended as may be necessary.

§ 18. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 12 of section 367-b of the social services law, as amended by section 13 of part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(a) For the purpose of regulating cash flow for general hospitals, the department shall develop and implement a payment methodology to provide for timely payments for inpatient hospital services eligible for case based payments per discharge based on diagnosis-related groups provided during the period January first, nineteen hundred eighty-eight through March thirty-first two thousand [~~twenty-six~~] twenty-nine, by such hospitals which elect to participate in the system.

§ 19. Paragraph (u) of subdivision 9 of section 3614 of the public health law, as added by section 14 of part C of chapter 57 of the laws

of 2023, is amended and three new paragraphs (v), (w) and (x) are added to read as follows:

(u) for the period April first, two thousand twenty-five through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six, up to one hundred million dollars[.];

(v) for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-seven, up to one hundred million dollars;

(w) for the period April first, two thousand twenty-seven through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-eight, up to one hundred million dollars;

(x) for the period April first, two thousand twenty-eight through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine, up to one hundred million dollars.

§ 20. Paragraph (y) of subdivision 1 of section 367-q of the social services law, as added by section 15 of part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended and three new paragraphs (z), (aa) and (bb) are added to read as follows:

(y) for the period April first, two thousand twenty-five through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six, up to twenty-eight million five hundred thousand dollars[.];

(z) for the period April first, two thousand twenty-six through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-seven, up to twenty-eight million five hundred thousand dollars;

(aa) for the period April first, two thousand twenty-seven through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-eight, up to twenty-eight million five hundred thousand dollars;

(bb) for the period April first, two thousand twenty-eight through March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-nine, up to twenty-eight million five hundred thousand dollars.

§ 21. This act shall take effect April 1, 2026; provided, however, if this act shall become a law after such date it shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2026; and further provided, that:

(a) the amendments to sections 2807-j and 2807-s of the public health law made by sections two, eleven, fourteen and fifteen of this act shall not affect the expiration of such sections and shall expire therewith;

(b) the amendments to subdivision 6 of section 2807-t of the public health law made by section sixteen of this act shall not affect the expiration of such section and shall be deemed to expire therewith; and

(c) the amendments to paragraph (i-1) of subdivision 1 of section 2807-v of the public health law made by section seventeen of this act shall not affect the repeal of such paragraph and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

PART D

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 18 of chapter 266 of the laws of 1986, amending the civil practice law and rules and other laws relating to malpractice and professional medical conduct, as amended by section 1 of part G of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025, is amended and a new subdivision 9 is added to read as follows:

(a) The superintendent of financial services and the commissioner of health or their designee shall, from funds available in the hospital excess liability pool created pursuant to subdivision 5 of this section, purchase a policy or policies for excess insurance coverage, as author-

ized by paragraph 1 of subsection (e) of section 5502 of the insurance law; or from an insurer, other than an insurer described in section 5502 of the insurance law, duly authorized to write such coverage and actually writing medical malpractice insurance in this state; or shall purchase equivalent excess coverage in a form previously approved by the superintendent of financial services for purposes of providing equivalent excess coverage in accordance with section 19 of chapter 294 of the laws of 1985, for medical or dental malpractice occurrences between July 1, 1986 and June 30, 1987, between July 1, 1987 and June 30, 1988, between July 1, 1988 and June 30, 1989, between July 1, 1989 and June 30, 1990, between July 1, 1990 and June 30, 1991, between July 1, 1991 and June 30, 1992, between July 1, 1992 and June 30, 1993, between July 1, 1993 and June 30, 1994, between July 1, 1994 and June 30, 1995, between July 1, 1995 and June 30, 1996, between July 1, 1996 and June 30, 1997, between July 1, 1997 and June 30, 1998, between July 1, 1998 and June 30, 1999, between July 1, 1999 and June 30, 2000, between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2001, between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2002, between July 1, 2002 and June 30, 2003, between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004, between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005, between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007, between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008, between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010, between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012, between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013, between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020, between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, [~~and~~] between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026**, and between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027** or reimburse the hospital where the hospital purchases equivalent excess coverage as defined in subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 1-a of this section for medical or dental malpractice occurrences between July 1, 1987 and June 30, 1988, between July 1, 1988 and June 30, 1989, between July 1, 1989 and June 30, 1990, between July 1, 1990 and June 30, 1991, between July 1, 1991 and June 30, 1992, between July 1, 1992 and June 30, 1993, between July 1, 1993 and June 30, 1994, between July 1, 1994 and June 30, 1995, between July 1, 1995 and June 30, 1996, between July 1, 1996 and June 30, 1997, between July 1, 1997 and June 30, 1998, between July 1, 1998 and June 30, 1999, between July 1, 1999 and June 30, 2000, between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2001, between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2002, between July 1, 2002 and June 30, 2003, between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004, between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005, between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007, between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008, between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010, between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012, between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013, between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020, between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, [~~and~~]

between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026**, and between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027** for physicians or dentists certified as eligible for each such period or periods pursuant to subdivision 2 of this section by a general hospital licensed pursuant to article 28 of the public health law; provided that no single insurer shall write more than fifty percent of the total excess premium for a given policy year; and provided, however, that such eligible physicians or dentists must have in force an individual policy, from an insurer licensed in this state of primary malpractice insurance coverage in amounts of no less than one million three hundred thousand dollars for each claimant and three million nine hundred thousand dollars for all claimants under that policy during the period of such excess coverage for such occurrences or be endorsed as additional insureds under a hospital professional liability policy which is offered through a voluntary attending physician ("channeling") program previously permitted by the superintendent of financial services during the period of such excess coverage for such occurrences. During such period, such policy for excess coverage or such equivalent excess coverage shall, when combined with the physician's or dentist's primary malpractice insurance coverage or coverage provided through a voluntary attending physician ("channeling") program, total an aggregate level of two million three hundred thousand dollars for each claimant and six million nine hundred thousand dollars for all claimants from all such policies with respect to occurrences in each of such years provided, however, if the cost of primary malpractice insurance coverage in excess of one million dollars, but below the excess medical malpractice insurance coverage provided pursuant to this act, exceeds the rate of nine percent per annum, then the required level of primary malpractice insurance coverage in excess of one million dollars for each claimant shall be in an amount of not less than the dollar amount of such coverage available at nine percent per annum; the required level of such coverage for all claimants under that policy shall be in an amount not less than three times the dollar amount of coverage for each claimant; and excess coverage, when combined with such primary malpractice insurance coverage, shall increase the aggregate level for each claimant by one million dollars and three million dollars for all claimants; and provided further, that, with respect to policies of primary medical malpractice coverage that include occurrences between April 1, 2002 and June 30, 2002, such requirement that coverage be in amounts no less than one million three hundred thousand dollars for each claimant and three million nine hundred thousand dollars for all claimants for such occurrences shall be effective April 1, 2002.

(9) This subdivision shall apply only to excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage for physicians or dentists that is eligible to be paid for from funds available in the hospital excess liability pool.

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, for any policy period beginning on or after July 1, 2025, excess coverage shall be purchased by a physician or dentist directly from a provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage. At the conclusion of the policy period the superintendent of financial services and the commissioner of health or their designee shall, from funds available in the hospital excess liability pool created pursuant to subdivision 5 of this section, pay fifty percent of the premium to the provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage, and the remaining fifty percent shall be paid one year thereafter.

(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, for any policy period beginning on or after July 1, 2026, excess coverage shall be purchased by a physician or dentist directly from a provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage. Such provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage shall bill, in a manner consistent with paragraph (f) of this subdivision, the physician or dentist for an amount equal to fifty percent of the premium for such coverage, as established pursuant to paragraph (d) of this subdivision, during the policy period. At the conclusion of the policy period the superintendent of financial services and the commissioner of health or their designee shall, from funds available in the hospital excess liability pool created pursuant to subdivision 5 of this section, pay half of the remaining fifty percent of the premium to the provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage, and the remaining twenty-five percent shall be paid one year thereafter. If the funds available in the hospital excess liability pool are insufficient to meet the percent of the costs of the excess coverage, the provisions of subdivision 8 of this section shall apply.

(c) If at the conclusion of the policy period, a physician or dentist, eligible for excess coverage paid for from funds available in the hospital excess liability pool, has failed to pay an amount equal to fifty percent of the premium as established pursuant to paragraph (d) of this subdivision, such excess coverage shall be cancelled and shall be null and void as of the first day on or after the commencement of a policy period where the liability for payment pursuant to this subdivision has not been met. The provider of excess coverage shall remit any portion of premium paid by the eligible physician or dentist for such a policy period.

(d) The superintendent of financial services shall establish a rate consistent with subdivision 3 of this section that providers of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage will charge for such coverage for each policy period. For the policy period beginning July 1, 2025, the superintendent of financial services may direct that the premium for that policy period be the same as it was for the policy period that concluded June 30, 2025.

(e) No provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage shall issue excess coverage to which this subdivision applies to any physician or dentist unless that physician or dentist meets the eligibility requirements for such coverage set forth in this section. The superintendent of financial services and the commissioner of health or their designee shall not make any payment under this subdivision to a provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage for excess coverage issued to a physician or dentist who does not meet the eligibility requirements for participation in the hospital excess liability pool program set forth in this section.

(f) A provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent coverage that issues excess coverage under this subdivision shall bill the physician or dentist for the portion of the premium required under paragraph (a) of this subdivision in twelve equal monthly installments or in such other manner as the physician or dentist may agree.

(g) The superintendent of financial services in consultation with the commissioner of health may promulgate regulations giving effect to the provisions of this subdivision.

§ 2. Subdivision 3 of section 18 of chapter 266 of the laws of 1986, amending the civil practice law and rules and other laws relating to

malpractice and professional medical conduct, as amended by section 2 of part G of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

(3)(a) The superintendent of financial services shall determine and certify to each general hospital and to the commissioner of health the cost of excess malpractice insurance for medical or dental malpractice occurrences between July 1, 1986 and June 30, 1987, between July 1, 1988 and June 30, 1989, between July 1, 1989 and June 30, 1990, between July 1, 1990 and June 30, 1991, between July 1, 1991 and June 30, 1992, between July 1, 1992 and June 30, 1993, between July 1, 1993 and June 30, 1994, between July 1, 1994 and June 30, 1995, between July 1, 1995 and June 30, 1996, between July 1, 1996 and June 30, 1997, between July 1, 1997 and June 30, 1998, between July 1, 1998 and June 30, 1999, between July 1, 1999 and June 30, 2000, between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2001, between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2002, between July 1, 2002 and June 30, 2003, between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004, between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005, between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007, between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008, between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010, between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012, between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013, between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020, between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, [~~and~~] between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026**, and between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027** allocable to each general hospital for physicians or dentists certified as eligible for purchase of a policy for excess insurance coverage by such general hospital in accordance with subdivision 2 of this section, and may amend such determination and certification as necessary.

(b) The superintendent of financial services shall determine and certify to each general hospital and to the commissioner of health the cost of excess malpractice insurance or equivalent excess coverage for medical or dental malpractice occurrences between July 1, 1987 and June 30, 1988, between July 1, 1988 and June 30, 1989, between July 1, 1989 and June 30, 1990, between July 1, 1990 and June 30, 1991, between July 1, 1991 and June 30, 1992, between July 1, 1992 and June 30, 1993, between July 1, 1993 and June 30, 1994, between July 1, 1994 and June 30, 1995, between July 1, 1995 and June 30, 1996, between July 1, 1996 and June 30, 1997, between July 1, 1997 and June 30, 1998, between July 1, 1998 and June 30, 1999, between July 1, 1999 and June 30, 2000, between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2001, between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2002, between July 1, 2002 and June 30, 2003, between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004, between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005, between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007, between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008, between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010, between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012, between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013, between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020, between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021,

between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, [~~and~~] between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026**, and between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027** allocable to each general hospital for physicians or dentists certified as eligible for purchase of a policy for excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage by such general hospital in accordance with subdivision 2 of this section, and may amend such determination and certification as necessary. The superintendent of financial services shall determine and certify to each general hospital and to the commissioner of health the ratable share of such cost allocable to the period July 1, 1987 to December 31, 1987, to the period January 1, 1988 to June 30, 1988, to the period July 1, 1988 to December 31, 1988, to the period January 1, 1989 to June 30, 1989, to the period July 1, 1989 to December 31, 1989, to the period January 1, 1990 to June 30, 1990, to the period July 1, 1990 to December 31, 1990, to the period January 1, 1991 to June 30, 1991, to the period July 1, 1991 to December 31, 1991, to the period January 1, 1992 to June 30, 1992, to the period July 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992, to the period January 1, 1993 to June 30, 1993, to the period July 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993, to the period January 1, 1994 to June 30, 1994, to the period July 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994, to the period January 1, 1995 to June 30, 1995, to the period July 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995, to the period January 1, 1996 to June 30, 1996, to the period July 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996, to the period January 1, 1997 to June 30, 1997, to the period July 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997, to the period January 1, 1998 to June 30, 1998, to the period July 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998, to the period January 1, 1999 to June 30, 1999, to the period July 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999, to the period January 1, 2000 to June 30, 2000, to the period July 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000, to the period January 1, 2001 to June 30, 2001, to the period July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, to the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, to the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, to the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, to the period July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, to the period July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007, to the period July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008, to the period July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, to the period July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010, to the period July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, to the period July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012, to the period July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013, to the period July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, to the period July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, to the period July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, to the period July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, to the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, to the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, to the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, to the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, to the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, to the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, to the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, to the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, [~~and~~] to the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026**, and to the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027**.

§ 3. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of subdivision 8 of section 18 of chapter 266 of the laws of 1986, amending the civil practice law and rules and other laws relating to malpractice and professional medical conduct, as amended by section 3 of part G of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025, are amended to read as follows:

(a) To the extent funds available to the hospital excess liability pool pursuant to subdivision 5 of this section as amended, and pursuant to section 6 of part J of chapter 63 of the laws of 2001, as may from time to time be amended, which amended this subdivision, are insufficient to meet the costs of excess insurance coverage or equivalent

excess coverage for coverage periods during the period July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993, during the period July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994, during the period July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995, during the period July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996, during the period July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997, during the period July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998, during the period July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999, during the period July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000, during the period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, during the period July 1, 2001 to October 29, 2001, during the period April 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002, during the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, during the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, during the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, during the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, during the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, during the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, during the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, during the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, during the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, during the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, during the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, during the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, during the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, during the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, during the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, during the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, during the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, during the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, during the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, during the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, during the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, during the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, during the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, [~~and~~] during the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026**, and during the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027** allocated or reallocated in accordance with paragraph (a) of subdivision 4-a of this section to rates of payment applicable to state governmental agencies, each physician or dentist for whom a policy for excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage is purchased for such period shall be responsible for payment to the provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage of an allocable share of such insufficiency, based on the ratio of the total cost of such coverage for such physician to the sum of the total cost of such coverage for all physicians applied to such insufficiency.

(b) Each provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage covering the period July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993, or covering the period July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994, or covering the period July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995, or covering the period July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996, or covering the period July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997, or covering the period July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998, or covering the period July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999, or covering the period July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000, or covering the period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, or covering the period July 1, 2001 to October 29, 2001, or covering the period April 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002, or covering the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, or covering the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, or covering the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, or covering the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, or covering the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, or covering the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, or covering the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, or covering the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, or covering the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, or covering the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, or covering the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, or covering the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, or covering the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, or covering the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, or covering the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, or covering the peri-

od July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, or covering the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, or covering the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, or covering the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, or covering the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, or covering the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, or covering the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, or covering the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, or covering the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026**, or covering the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027** shall notify a covered physician or dentist by mail, mailed to the address shown on the last application for excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage, of the amount due to such provider from such physician or dentist for such coverage period determined in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subdivision. Such amount shall be due from such physician or dentist to such provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage in a time and manner determined by the superintendent of financial services.

(c) If a physician or dentist liable for payment of a portion of the costs of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage covering the period July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993, or covering the period July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994, or covering the period July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995, or covering the period July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996, or covering the period July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997, or covering the period July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998, or covering the period July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999, or covering the period July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000, or covering the period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, or covering the period July 1, 2001 to October 29, 2001, or covering the period April 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002, or covering the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, or covering the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, or covering the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, or covering the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, or covering the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, or covering the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, or covering the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, or covering the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, or covering the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, or covering the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, or covering the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, or covering the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, or covering the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, or covering the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, or covering the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, or covering the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, or covering the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, or covering the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, or covering the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, or covering the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, or covering the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, or covering the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, or covering the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, or covering the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026**, or covering the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027** determined in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subdivision fails, refuses or neglects to make payment to the provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage in such time and manner as determined by the superintendent of financial services pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdivision, excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage purchased for such physician or dentist in accordance with this section for such coverage period shall be cancelled and shall be null and void as of the first day on or after the commencement of a policy period where the liability for payment pursuant to this subdivision has not been met.

(d) Each provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage shall notify the superintendent of financial services and the

commissioner of health or their designee of each physician and dentist eligible for purchase of a policy for excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage covering the period July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993, or covering the period July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994, or covering the period July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995, or covering the period July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996, or covering the period July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997, or covering the period July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998, or covering the period July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999, or covering the period July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000, or covering the period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, or covering the period July 1, 2001 to October 29, 2001, or covering the period April 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002, or covering the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, or covering the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, or covering the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, or covering the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, or covering the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, or covering the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, or covering the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, or covering the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, or covering the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, or covering the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, or covering the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, or covering the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, or covering the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, or covering the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, or covering the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, or covering the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, or covering the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, or covering the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, or covering the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, or covering the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, or covering the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, or covering the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, or covering the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, or covering the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026**, or covering the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027** that has made payment to such provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subdivision and of each physician and dentist who has failed, refused or neglected to make such payment.

(e) A provider of excess insurance coverage or equivalent excess coverage shall refund to the hospital excess liability pool any amount allocable to the period July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993, and to the period July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994, and to the period July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995, and to the period July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996, and to the period July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997, and to the period July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998, and to the period July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999, and to the period July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000, and to the period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, and to the period July 1, 2001 to October 29, 2001, and to the period April 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002, and to the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, and to the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, and to the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, and to the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, and to the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, and to the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, and to the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, and to the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, and to the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, and to the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, and to the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, and to the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, and to the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, and to the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, to the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, and to the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, and to the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, and to the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, and to the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, and to the period July

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§ 4. Section 40 of chapter 266 of the laws of 1986, amending the civil practice law and rules and other laws relating to malpractice and professional medical conduct, as amended by section 4 of part G of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

§ 40. The superintendent of financial services shall establish rates for policies providing coverage for physicians and surgeons medical malpractice for the periods commencing July 1, 1985 and ending June 30, [~~2026~~] **2027**; provided, however, that notwithstanding any other provision of law, the superintendent shall not establish or approve any increase in rates for the period commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. The superintendent shall direct insurers to establish segregated accounts for premiums, payments, reserves and investment income attributable to such premium periods and shall require periodic reports by the insurers regarding claims and expenses attributable to such periods to monitor whether such accounts will be sufficient to meet incurred claims and expenses. On or after July 1, 1989, the superintendent shall impose a surcharge on premiums to satisfy a projected deficiency that is attributable to the premium levels established pursuant to this section for such periods; provided, however, that such annual surcharge shall not exceed eight percent of the established rate until July 1, [~~2026~~]

2027, at which time and thereafter such surcharge shall not exceed twenty-five percent of the approved adequate rate, and that such annual surcharges shall continue for such period of time as shall be sufficient to satisfy such deficiency. The superintendent shall not impose such surcharge during the period commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. On and after July 1, 1989, the surcharge prescribed by this section shall be retained by insurers to the extent that they insured physicians and surgeons during the July 1, 1985 through June 30, [~~2026~~] **2027** policy periods; in the event and to the extent physicians and surgeons were insured by another insurer during such periods, all or a pro rata share of the surcharge, as the case may be, shall be remitted to such other insurer in accordance with rules and regulations to be promulgated by the superintendent. Surcharges collected from physicians and surgeons who were not insured during such policy periods shall be apportioned among all insurers in proportion to the premium written by each insurer during such policy periods; if a physician or surgeon was insured by an insurer subject to rates established by the superintendent during such policy periods, and at any time thereafter a hospital, health maintenance organization, employer or institution is responsible for responding in damages for liability arising out of such physician's or surgeon's practice of medicine, such responsible entity shall also remit to such prior insurer the equivalent amount that would then be collected as a surcharge if the physician or surgeon had continued to remain insured by such prior insurer. In the event any insurer that provided coverage during such policy periods is in liquidation, the property/casualty insurance security fund shall receive the portion of surcharges to which the insurer in liquidation would have been entitled. The surcharges authorized herein shall be deemed to be income earned for the purposes of section 2303 of the insurance law. The superintendent, in establishing adequate rates and in determining any projected deficiency pursuant to the requirements of this section and the insurance law, shall give substantial weight, determined in [~~his~~] **their** discretion and judgment, to the prospective anticipated effect of any regulations promulgated and laws enacted and the public benefit of stabilizing malpractice rates and minimizing rate level fluctuation during the period of time necessary for the development of more reliable statistical experience as to the efficacy of such laws and regulations affecting medical, dental or podiatric malpractice enacted or promulgated in 1985, 1986, by this act and at any other time. Notwithstanding any provision of the insurance law, rates already established and to be established by the superintendent pursuant to this section are deemed adequate if such rates would be adequate when taken together with the maximum authorized annual surcharges to be imposed for a reasonable period of time whether or not any such annual surcharge has been actually imposed as of the establishment of such rates.

§ 5. Section 5 and subdivisions (a) and (e) of section 6 of part J of chapter 63 of the laws of 2001, amending chapter 266 of the laws of 1986, amending the civil practice law and rules and other laws relating to malpractice and professional medical conduct, as amended by section 5 of part G of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025, are amended to read as follows:

§ 5. The superintendent of financial services and the commissioner of health shall determine, no later than June 15, 2002, June 15, 2003, June 15, 2004, June 15, 2005, June 15, 2006, June 15, 2007, June 15, 2008, June 15, 2009, June 15, 2010, June 15, 2011, June 15, 2012, June 15, 2013, June 15, 2014, June 15, 2015, June 15, 2016, June 15, 2017, June

15, 2018, June 15, 2019, June 15, 2020, June 15, 2021, June 15, 2022, June 15, 2023, June 15, 2024, June 15, 2025, [~~and~~] June 15, 2026**, and June 15, 2027** the amount of funds available in the hospital excess liability pool, created pursuant to section 18 of chapter 266 of the laws of 1986, and whether such funds are sufficient for purposes of purchasing excess insurance coverage for eligible participating physicians and dentists during the period July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, or July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, or July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, or July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, or July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, or July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, or July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, or July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, or July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, or July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, or July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, or July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, or July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, or July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, or July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, or July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, or July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, or July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, or July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, or July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, or July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, or July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, or July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, or July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, or July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026**, or July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027** as applicable.

(a) This section shall be effective only upon a determination, pursuant to section five of this act, by the superintendent of financial services and the commissioner of health, and a certification of such determination to the state director of the budget, the chair of the senate committee on finance and the chair of the assembly committee on ways and means, that the amount of funds in the hospital excess liability pool, created pursuant to section 18 of chapter 266 of the laws of 1986, is insufficient for purposes of purchasing excess insurance coverage for eligible participating physicians and dentists during the period July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, or July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, or July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, or July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, or July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, or July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, or July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, or July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, or July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, or July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, or July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, or July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, or July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, or July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, or July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, or July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, or July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, or July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, or July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, or July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, or July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, or July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, or July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, or July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, or July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026**, or July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027** as applicable.

(e) The commissioner of health shall transfer for deposit to the hospital excess liability pool created pursuant to section 18 of chapter 266 of the laws of 1986 such amounts as directed by the superintendent of financial services for the purchase of excess liability insurance coverage for eligible participating physicians and dentists for the policy year July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, or July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, or July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, or July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, or July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, or July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, as applicable, and the cost of administering the hospital excess liability pool for such applicable policy year, pursuant to the program established in chapter 266 of the laws of 1986, as amended, no later than June 15, 2002, June 15, 2003, June 15, 2004, June 15, 2005, June 15, 2006, June 15, 2007, June 15, 2008, June 15, 2009, June 15, 2010, June 15, 2011, June 15, 2012, June 15, 2013, June 15, 2014, June 15,

2015, June 15, 2016, June 15, 2017, June 15, 2018, June 15, 2019, June 15, 2020, June 15, 2021, June 15, 2022, June 15, 2023, June 15, 2024, June 15, 2025, [~~and~~] June 15, 2026**, and June 15, 2027** as applicable.

§ 6. Section 20 of part H of chapter 57 of the laws of 2017, amending the New York Health Care Reform Act of 1996 and other laws relating to extending certain provisions thereto, as amended by section 6 of part G of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

§ 20. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, only physicians or dentists who were eligible, and for whom the superintendent of financial services and the commissioner of health, or their designee, purchased, with funds available in the hospital excess liability pool, a full or partial policy for excess coverage or equivalent excess coverage for the coverage period ending the thirtieth of June, two thousand [~~twenty-five~~] **twenty-six**, shall be eligible to apply for such coverage for the coverage period beginning the first of July, two thousand [~~twenty-five~~] **twenty-six**; provided, however, if the total number of physicians or dentists for whom such excess coverage or equivalent excess coverage was purchased for the policy year ending the thirtieth of June, two thousand [~~twenty-five~~] **twenty-six** exceeds the total number of physicians or dentists certified as eligible for the coverage period beginning the first of July, two thousand [~~twenty-five~~] **twenty-six**, then the general hospitals may certify additional eligible physicians or dentists in a number equal to such general hospital's proportional share of the total number of physicians or dentists for whom excess coverage or equivalent excess coverage was purchased with funds available in the hospital excess liability pool as of the thirtieth of June, two thousand [~~twenty-five~~] **twenty-six**, as applied to the difference between the number of eligible physicians or dentists for whom a policy for excess coverage or equivalent excess coverage was purchased for the coverage period ending the thirtieth of June, two thousand [~~twenty-five~~] **twenty-six** and the number of such eligible physicians or dentists who have applied for excess coverage or equivalent excess coverage for the coverage period beginning the first of July, two thousand [~~twenty-five~~] **twenty-six**.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2026.

PART E

Section 1. Section 461-s of the social services law is REPEALED.

§ 2. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 461-b of the social services law is REPEALED.

§ 3. Article 27-H of the public health law, as added by chapter 550 of the laws of 1988, is REPEALED.

§ 4. Subdivision 9 of section 2803 of the public health law is REPEALED.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2026.

PART F

Section 1. The section heading, subdivision 1 and subdivision 3 of section 97-www of the state finance law, as added by chapter 586 of the laws of 2000, are amended to read as follows:

§ 97-www. [~~Percy T. Phillips educational foundation of the Dental Society of the state of~~] New York **State Dental Foundation** fund. 1. There

is hereby established in the joint custody of the state comptroller and the commissioner of taxation and finance a fund to be known as the "[~~Percy T. Phillips Educational Foundation of The Dental Society of the State of~~] New York **State Dental Foundation** Fund".

3. Moneys of the fund shall be expended for the benefit of the dental education and public access programs of the [~~Percy T. Phillips educational foundation of the Dental Society of the state of~~] New York **State Dental Foundation**. Moneys shall be paid out of the fund on the audit and warrant of the state comptroller on vouchers [~~approved by the chairman of the board of trustees of the Percy T. Phillips educational foundation of the Dental Society of the state of New York or by the treasurer or the executive director of the Percy T. Phillips educational foundation of the Dental Society of the state of New York~~] **approved and certified by the commissioner of health**. Any interest received by the comptroller on moneys on deposit in the [~~Percy T. Phillips educational foundation of the Dental Society of the state of~~] New York **State Dental Foundation** fund shall be retained in and become part of such fund. No money from such fund may be withdrawn, transferred, or used by any person for any purpose other than as permitted in this section.

§ 1-a. Subdivision 3 of section 404-r of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 586 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

3. A distinctive plate issued pursuant to this section shall be issued in the same manner as other number plates upon payment of the regular registration fee prescribed by section four hundred one of this article and an additional annual service charge of thirty dollars. Twenty dollars from each thirty dollars received as annual service charges under this section shall be deposited to a fund for the credit of the [~~Percy T. Phillips Educational Foundation of The Dental Society of the State of~~] New York **State Dental Foundation**, said fund established as a revolving fund pursuant to section ninety-seven-www of the state finance law; provided, however, that one year after the effective date of this section, funds in the amount of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be available shall be allocated from such fund to the department to offset costs associated with the production of such license plates.

§ 2. Section 9 of part JJ of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025 amending the public health law relating to reporting pregnancy losses and clarifying which agencies are responsible for such reports, is amended to read as follows:

§ 9. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2025; provided, however that [~~the amendments to subdivision 2 of section 4160 of the public health law made by~~] section [~~two~~] **three** of this act shall [~~expire and be deemed repealed~~] **take effect** March 30, 2027[~~, when upon such date the provisions of section three of this act shall take effect~~].

§ 3. Section 5 of part P of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025 amending the public health law relating to requiring hospitals to provide stabilizing care to pregnant individuals, is amended to read as follows:

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to subdivision 3 of section 2805-b of the public health law [~~made by~~] **as designated subdivision 5 in** section one of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such subdivision pursuant to section 21 of chapter 723 of the laws of 1989, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section two of this act shall take effect.

§ 4. Subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 273 of the public health law, as added by section 10 of part C of chapter 58 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

(iv) other clinical indications identified by the [~~committee for the patient's use of the non-preferred drug~~] **drug utilization review board established pursuant to section three hundred sixty-nine-bb of the social services law**, which shall include consideration of the medical needs of special populations, including children, elderly, chronically ill, persons with mental health conditions, and persons affected by HIV/AIDS**, pregnant persons, and persons with an opioid use disorder**.

§ 5. Subdivision 6 of section 3331 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 178 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

6. A practitioner dispensing a controlled substance shall file information pursuant to such dispensing with the department by electronic means in such manner and detail as the commissioner shall, by regulation, require. This requirement shall not apply to the dispensing by a practitioner pursuant to subdivision [~~five~~] **six** of section thirty-three hundred fifty-one of this article.

§ 6. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 3343-a of the public health law, as added by section 2 of part A of chapter 447 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) a practitioner dispensing pursuant to subdivision [~~three~~] **four** of section thirty-three hundred fifty-one of this article;

§ 7. Clause (vi) of subparagraph 1 of paragraph (e) of subdivision 5 of section 366 of the social services law, as amended by section 13 of part MM of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

(vi) "look-back period" means the sixty-month period immediately preceding the date that an institutionalized individual is both institutionalized and has applied for medical assistance, or in the case of a non-institutionalized individual, subject to federal approval, the thirty-month period immediately preceding the date that such non-institutionalized individual applies for medical assistance coverage of long term care services. Nothing herein precludes a review of eligibility for retroactive authorization for medical expenses incurred during the [~~three months prior to the month of application for medical assistance~~] **retroactive eligibility period**.

§ 8. Subdivision (c) of section 1119 of the insurance law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2026 amending the public health law and the insurance law relating to oversight of continuing care retirement communities, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 8802 and A. 9486, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Such organization shall be subject to the provisions of article seventy-four of this chapter. Prior to commencing action under such article seventy-four, the superintendent shall consult with the continuing care retirement community council established pursuant to section [~~forty-six hundred two~~] **forty-six hundred three** of the public health law.

§ 9. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however:

a. the amendments to subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 273 of the public health law made by section four of this act shall take effect on the same date as the reversion of paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 273 of the public health law as provided in section 11 of part GG of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020, as amended;

b. sections five and six of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as chapter 546 of the laws of 2025 took effect;

c. section seven of this act shall take effect January 1, 2027; and

d. section eight of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2026 amending the public health law and the insurance law relating to oversight of continuing care retirement communities, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 8802 and A. 9486, takes effect.

PART G

Section 1. Section 3000-b of the public health law, as added by chapter 552 of the laws of 1998, paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 119 of the laws of 2017, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 583 of the laws of 1999, paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 243 of the laws of 2010, and paragraph (f) of subdivision 3 as added by chapter 236 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3000-b. Automated external defibrillators: Public access providers. 1. [~~Definitions.~~] As used in this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Automated external defibrillator" means a medical device, approved by the United States food and drug administration, that[~~: (i)~~] is capable with or without intervention by an operator of: recognizing the presence or absence, in a patient, of ventricular fibrillation and rapid ventricular tachycardia; [~~(ii) is capable of~~] determining[~~, without intervention by an operator,~~] whether defibrillation should be performed on the patient; [~~(iii)~~] upon determining that defibrillation should be performed, automatically [~~charges~~] charging [~~and requests delivery of an electrical impulse to the patient's heart~~]; and [~~(iv) then; upon action by an operator, delivers~~] delivering an appropriate electrical impulse to the patient's heart to perform defibrillation.

(b) [~~"Emergency health care provider" means (i) a physician with knowledge and experience in the delivery of emergency cardiac care; (ii) a physician assistant or nurse practitioner with knowledge and experience in the delivery of emergency cardiac care, and who is acting within his or her scope of practice; or (iii) a hospital licensed under article twenty-eight of this chapter that provides emergency cardiac care.~~

~~(c)~~] "Public access defibrillation provider" means a person, firm, organization or other entity possessing or operating an automated external defibrillator pursuant to [~~a collaborative agreement under~~] this section.

[~~(d) "Nationally-recognized organization" means a national organization approved by the department for the purpose of training people in use of an automated external defibrillator.~~]

2. [~~Collaborative agreement.~~] A person, firm, organization or other entity may purchase, acquire, possess and operate an automated external defibrillator pursuant to [~~a collaborative agreement with an emergency health care provider~~] this section. [~~The collaborative agreement shall include a written agreement and written practice protocols, and policies and procedures that shall assure compliance with this section. The public access defibrillation provider shall file a copy of the collaborative agreement with the department and with the appropriate regional council prior to operating the~~] Operation of an automated external defi-

brillator under this section shall be authorized in accordance with regulations promulgated by the department.

3. [~~Possession and operation of automated external defibrillator. Possession and operation of an automated external defibrillator by a~~] A public access defibrillation provider in possession of an automated external defibrillator shall comply with the following requirements, in a manner prescribed by the department:

(a) [~~No person may operate an automated external defibrillator unless the person has successfully completed a training course in the operation of an automated external defibrillator approved by a nationally-recognized organization or the state emergency medical services council. However, this section shall not prohibit operation of an automated external defibrillator, (i) by a health care practitioner licensed or certified under title VIII of the education law or a person certified under this article acting within his or her lawful scope of practice; (ii) by a person acting pursuant to a lawful prescription; or (iii) by a person who operates the automated external defibrillator other than as part of or incidental to his or her employment or regular duties, who is acting in good faith, with reasonable care, and without expectation of monetary compensation, to provide first aid that includes operation of an automated external defibrillator; nor shall this section limit any good samaritan protections provided in section three thousand-a of this article~~] The public access defibrillation provider shall provide training in the use of an automated external defibrillator and cardiopulmonary resuscitation consistent with standards approved by the department, including but not limited to programs developed or authorized by the department or determined by the department to be consistent with accepted standards of practice. At least one individual associated with the public access defibrillation provider shall be designated to receive such training and to be familiar with the operation and routine maintenance of the automated external defibrillator.

(b) The public access defibrillation provider shall cause the automated external defibrillator to be maintained and tested according to applicable standards of the manufacturer and any appropriate government agency.

(c) The public access defibrillation provider shall [~~notify the regional council of~~] register the existence, location and type of any automated external defibrillator it possesses with the department.

(d) Every use of an automated external defibrillator on a patient shall be immediately reported to the appropriate local emergency medical services system[~~, emergency communications center or emergency vehicle dispatch center as appropriate and promptly reported to the emergency health care provider~~] or public safety answering point.

(e) The [~~emergency health care~~] public access defibrillator provider shall [~~participate in the regional quality improvement program pursuant to subdivision one of section three thousand four-a of this article~~] report data related to the use of automated external defibrillators to the department. Such data may be incorporated into statewide or regional quality improvement and cardiac arrest surveillance programs, including participation in nationally recognized registries, as determined by the department.

§ 1-a. Section 3000-f of the public health law, as added by chapter 681 of the laws of 2023, paragraph (d) of subdivision 1, subdivision 2, and paragraph (e) of subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 9 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3000-f. Automated external defibrillator; camps and youth sports programs. 1. [~~Definitions.~~] As used in this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Automated external defibrillator" [~~means a medical device, approved by the United States food and drug administration, that: (i) is capable of recognizing the presence or absence in a patient of ventricular fibrillation and rapid ventricular tachycardia; (ii) is capable of determining, without intervention by an operator, whether defibrillation should be performed on a patient; (iii) upon determining that defibrillation should be performed, automatically charges and requests delivery of an electrical impulse to a patient's heart; and (iv) then, upon action by an operator, delivers an appropriate electrical impulse to a patient's heart to perform defibrillation~~] **shall have the meaning set forth in section three-thousand-b of this article**.

(b) [~~"Training course" means a course approved by a nationally recognized organization or the state emergency medical services council in the operation of automated external defibrillators.~~

~~(c) "Nationally-recognized organization" means a national organization approved by the department for the purpose of training people in use of an automated external defibrillator.~~

~~(d)~~] "Camp" means a children's overnight camp, summer day camp, or traveling summer day camp, as such terms are defined in section thirteen hundred ninety-two of this chapter, that is subject to regulation by the department.

[~~(e)~~] **(c)** "Youth sports program" means any league or recreation program organized to provide group athletic activity to individuals under seventeen years old or programs providing athletic activity for high school students regardless of the age of the participants of such programs. Public school athletic programs subject to the requirements of section nine hundred seventeen of the education law shall not be subject to the requirements of this section.

2. Within one hundred eighty days of the effective date of this section, each camp, and each youth sports program that either hosts or participates in games, matches, tournaments, leagues, or similar activities in which at least five teams are participating, shall establish an automated external defibrillator implementation plan describing how the camp or program will:

(a) make available an automated external defibrillator or describe reasonable access to an automated external defibrillator at every camp, game and practice; and

(b) use best efforts to ensure that there is at least one employee, volunteer, coach, umpire or other qualified adult who is present at each such camp, game and practice who has successfully completed a training course **consistent with the standards approved by the department under the authority of section 3000-b of this article,** within the preceding twenty-four months of each such camp session, game and practice**, and is familiar with the operation and routine maintenance of the automated external defibrillator**.

(c) Each camp and youth sports program shall maintain records that such camp or youth sports program possesses at least one automated external defibrillator.

(d) Implementation plans shall include an equipment checklist and cardiac emergency protocol for when cardiac emergency incidents occur.

(e) Implementation plans can include automated external defibrillator access provided by athletic facilities, playing fields or site for games

or practices where the operator of the facility provides automated external defibrillator access at their location.

3. Implementation of automated external defibrillator plans shall be done in accordance with the requirements and protections of section 3000-b of this article**, including requirements as to maintenance, testing, and reporting usage and use-related data**.

§ 1-b. Subdivision 3 of section 917 of the education law is amended to read as follows:

3. Public school facilities and staff pursuant to subdivisions one and two of this section shall be deemed a "public access defibrillation provider" as defined in paragraph [~~(c)~~] **(b)** of subdivision one of section three thousand-b of the public health law and shall be subject to the requirements and limitations of such section.

§ 1-c. Subdivisions 3, 4 and 5 of section 917-a of the education law is amended to read as follows:

3. No person may operate an AED in a nonpublic school facility unless the person has successfully completed a training course in the operation of an AED [~~approved by a nationally recognized organization as defined in paragraph (d) of subdivision one of~~] **consistent with the standards approved by the department of health under** section three thousand-b of the public health law or the state emergency medical services council. However, this section shall not prohibit operation of an AED:

(a) by a health care practitioner licensed or certified under title eight of this chapter or a person certified under article thirty of the public health law acting within their lawful scope of practice;

(b) by a person acting pursuant to a lawful prescription; or

(c) by a person who operates the AED other than as part of or incidental to their employment or regular duties, who is acting in good faith, with reasonable care, and without expectation of monetary compensation, to provide first aid that includes operation of an AED; nor shall this section limit any good samaritan protections provided in section three thousand-a of the public health law.

4. Every use of an AED on a patient in a nonpublic school shall be immediately reported to the appropriate local emergency medical services system[~~, emergency communications center or emergency vehicle dispatch center, as appropriate~~] **or public safety answering point**.

5. Nonpublic schools shall [~~notify the appropriate regional emergency services council of~~] **register** the existence, location and type of any AED they possess **with the department of health**.

(f) The public access defibrillation provider shall post a sign or notice at the main entrance to the facility or building in which the automated external defibrillator is stored, indicating the location where any such automated external defibrillator is stored or maintained in such building or facility on a regular basis.

4. [~~Application of other laws. (a)~~] Operation of an automated external defibrillator pursuant to this section shall be considered first aid or emergency treatment for the purpose of any statute relating to liability[~~.~~

~~(b) Operation of an automated external defibrillator pursuant to this section~~] **and** shall not constitute the unlawful practice of a profession under title VIII of the education law.

5. Any manufacturer, distributor, retailer, or reseller that sells or otherwise transfers an automated external defibrillator for use in this state shall, at the time of sale or transfer, provide the purchaser with written or electronic notice of applicable requirements under this

section, including registration, maintenance, and reporting obligations, in a form prescribed by the department.

§ 2. This act shall take effect June 1, 2026. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment, and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

PART H

Section 1. Section 4552 of the public health law, as added by section 1 of part M of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

§ 4552. Notice of material transactions; requirements. 1. A health care entity shall submit to the department written notice, with supporting documentation as described below and further defined in regulation developed by the department, which the department shall be in receipt of at least thirty days before the closing date of the transaction, in the form and manner prescribed by the department. Immediately upon the submission to the department, the department shall submit electronic copies of such notice with supporting documentation to the antitrust, health care and charities bureaus of the office of the New York attorney general. Such written notice shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) The names of the parties to the material transaction and their current addresses;

(b) Copies of any definitive agreements governing the terms of the material transaction, including pre- and post-closing conditions;

(c) Identification of all locations where health care services are currently provided by each party and the revenue generated in the state from such locations;

(d) Any plans to reduce or eliminate services and/or participation in specific plan networks;

(e) The closing date of the proposed material transaction;

(f) A brief description of the nature and purpose of the proposed material transaction including:

(i) the anticipated impact of the material transaction on cost, quality, access, health equity, and competition in the impacted markets, which may be supported by data and a formal market impact analysis; and

(ii) any commitments by the health care entity to address anticipated impacts[~~.~~];

(g) A statement as to whether any party to the transaction, or a person with control of such party, owns any other health care entity which, in the past three years has closed operations, is in the process of closing operations, or has experienced a substantial reduction in services provided. The parties shall specifically identify the health care entity or entities subject to such closure or substantial service reduction and detail the circumstances of such; and

(h) A statement as to whether a sale-leaseback agreement or mortgage or lease payments or other payments associated with real estate are a component of the proposed transaction and if so, the parties shall provide the proposed sale-leaseback agreement or mortgage, lease, or real estate documents with the notice.

2. [~~(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subdivision, supporting documentation as described in subdivision one of this section shall not be subject to disclosure under article six of the public officers law.~~

~~(b)~~] During such thirty-day period prior to the closing date, the department shall post on its website:

[~~(i)~~] (a) a summary of the proposed transaction;

[~~(ii)~~] (b) an explanation of the groups or individuals likely to be impacted by the transaction;

[~~(iii)~~] (c) information about services currently provided by the health care entity, commitments by the health care entity to continue such services and any services that will be reduced or eliminated; and

[~~(iv)~~] (d) details about how to submit comments, in a format that is easy to find and easy to read.

3. (a) A health care entity that is a party to a material transaction shall notify the department upon closing of the transaction in the form and manner prescribed by the department.

(b) Annually, for a five-year period following closing of the transaction and on the date of such anniversary, parties to a material transaction shall notify the department, in the form and manner prescribed by the department, of factors and metrics to assess the impacts of the transaction on cost, quality, access, health equity, and competition. The department may require that any party to a transaction, or any person with control over a transaction party, submit additional documents and information in connection with the annual report required under this paragraph, to the extent such additional information is necessary to assess the impacts of the transaction on cost, quality, access, health equity, and competition or to verify or clarify information submitted in support or as part of the annual report required under this paragraph. Parties shall submit such information within seven days of request. This paragraph shall apply to all material transactions reported to the department beginning on August first, two thousand twenty-three.

4. (a) The department shall conduct a preliminary review of all proposed transactions. Review of a material transaction notice in which the transaction is valued at one hundred million dollars or more may also, at the discretion of the department, consist of a full cost and market impact review. Transactions valued at less than one hundred million dollars may be subject to a full cost and market impact review at the discretion of the department if the department reasonably believes that they may negatively impact cost, quality, access, health equity, or competition in the impacted markets. The department shall notify the parties if and when it determines that a full cost and market impact review is required and, if so, the date that the preliminary review is completed; provided, however, that the preliminary review shall not exceed thirty days from the date a complete notice is received by the department.

(b) In the event the department determines that a full cost and market impact review is required, the department shall have discretion to require parties to delay the proposed transaction closing until such cost and market impact review is completed, but in no event shall the closing be delayed more than one hundred eighty days from the date the department completes its preliminary review of the proposed transaction.

(c) The department may assess on parties to a material transaction all actual, reasonable, and direct costs incurred in reviewing and evaluating the notice. Any such fees shall be payable to the department within fourteen days of notice of such assessment.

5. (a) The department may require that any party to a transaction, including any person with control over a transaction party, submit additional documents and information in connection with a material trans-

action notice or a full cost and market impact review required under this section, to the extent such additional information is necessary to conduct a preliminary review or full cost and market impact review of the transaction; to assess the impacts of the transaction on cost, quality, access, health equity, and competition; or to verify or clarify information submitted pursuant to subdivision one of this section. Parties shall submit such information within seven days of request.

(b) The department shall keep confidential all nonpublic information and documents obtained under this subdivision and shall not disclose the information or documents to any person without the consent of the parties to the proposed transaction, except as set forth in paragraph (c) of this subdivision.

(c) Any data reported to the department pursuant to subdivision three of this section, any information obtained pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision, and any cost and market impact review findings made pursuant to subdivision four of this section may be used as evidence in investigations, reviews, or other actions by the department or the office of the attorney general, including but not limited to use by the department in assessing certificate of need applications submitted by the same health care entities involved in the reported material transaction or unrelated parties which are located in the same market area identified in the cost and market impact review.

6. Except as provided in subdivision two of this section, documentation, data, and information submitted to the department as described in subdivisions one, three, and five of this section shall not be subject to disclosure under article six of the public officers law.

7. The commissioner shall promulgate regulations to effectuate this section.

[~~4.~~] 8. Failure to [~~notify the department of a material transaction under~~] comply with any requirement of this section shall be subject to civil penalties under section twelve of this chapter. Each day in which the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.

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

PART I

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 2999-j of the public health law, as added by section 52 of part H of chapter 59 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

4. The amount of qualifying health care costs to be paid from the fund shall be calculated as follows: [~~(a)~~] with respect to all services [~~provided in private physician practices~~] for which a Medicare rate of reimbursement exists, on the basis of one hundred percent of [~~the usual and customary rates, as defined by the commissioner in regulation; or (b) with respect to all other services,~~] such Medicare rates, or for any service for which a Medicare rate does not exist, on the basis of one hundred percent of Medicaid rates of reimbursement or, where no such rates are available, as defined by the commissioner in regulation; except that reimbursement rates for private duty nursing services shall be based on the New York State Medicaid fee schedule for private duty nursing as authorized in the Medicaid State Plan Amendment.

The requirements of this subdivision shall not apply to qualifying home modifications or vehicle modifications, which shall be reimbursed pursuant to contracts for such work approved by the department in accordance with requirements defined by the commissioner in regulation.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date as the reversion of subdivision 4 of section 2999-j of the public health law as provided in section 5 of chapter 517 of the laws of 2016, as amended.

PART J

Section 1. Subdivisions 2 and 8 of section 2999-ii of the public health law, subdivision 2 as added by section 1 of part X of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023 and subdivision 8 as amended by chapter 598 of the laws of 2025, are amended to read as follows:

2. "Controlling person" means a person **or business entity**, officer, program administrator, or director whose responsibilities include the direction of the management or policies of a temporary health care services agency. "Controlling person" also means [~~an individual~~] **a person or business entity** who[~~,~~] directly owns at least ten percent voting interest in a corporation, partnership, or other business entity that is a controlling person.

8. "Temporary health care services agency" or "agency" means a person, firm, corporation, partnership, association or other entity in the business of providing or procuring temporary employment or engaging individuals to provide health care services for health care entities, or of enabling health care entities**, directly or indirectly,** to engage individuals to perform health care services. Temporary health care services agency shall include a nurses' registry licensed under article eleven of the general business law and entities that utilize apps or other technology-based solutions to provide, procure or enable health care entities to engage individuals to perform health care services**, including vendor management systems and subcontracting arrangements with other agencies that result in the engagement of individuals**. Temporary health care services agency shall not include: (a) an individual who only engages in providing the individual's own services on a temporary basis to health care entities; or (b) a home care agency licensed under article thirty-six of this chapter.

§ 2. Subdivision 3 of section 2999-jj of the public health law, as added by section 1 of part X of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023 and paragraph (a) as amended by chapter 598 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3. As a condition of registration, a temporary health care services agency:

(a) Shall document that each individual engaged to provide health care services to health care entities currently meets the minimum licensing, training, and continuing education standards for the position in which the [~~health care personnel~~] **individual** will be working.

(b) Shall comply with all pertinent requirements and qualifications for personnel employed in health care entities.

(c) Shall not restrict in any manner the employment opportunities of [~~its health care personnel~~] **individuals it connects with health care entities to provide health care services**.

(d) Shall not require the payment of liquidated damages, employment fees, or other compensation should the [~~health care personnel~~] **individuals it connects with health care entities to provide health care services** be hired as a permanent employee**, contractor, or contingent**

worker of a health care entity in any contract with any [~~health care personnel~~] individual engaged to provide health care services or health care entity or otherwise.

(e) Shall not require the payment of fees or other compensation from the individual engaged to provide health care services for placement or connection with a health care entity other than reimbursement for actual costs expended on required expenses, such as background checks, drug tests, and equipment.

[~~(e)~~] (f) Shall retain all records related to [~~health care personnel~~] individuals engaged to provide health care services for six [~~calendar~~] years and make them available to the department upon request.

[~~(f)~~] (g) Shall comply with any requests made by the department to examine the books and records of the agency, subpoena witnesses and documents and make such other investigation as is necessary in the event that the department has reason to believe that the books or records do not accurately reflect the financial condition or financial transactions of the agency.

[~~(g)~~] (h) Shall comply with any additional requirements the department may deem necessary.

§ 3. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 2999-kk of the public health law, subdivision 2 as added by section 1 of part X of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, paragraphs (a), (b), (f) and (h) of subdivision 2 and subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 598 of the laws of 2025, are amended to read as follows:

2. A temporary health care services agency shall maintain, and require subcontracting arrangements with other agencies to maintain, a written agreement or contract with each health care entity, which shall include, at a minimum:

(a) The required minimum licensing, training, and continuing education requirements for each individual engaged in a health care position.

(b) Any requirement for minimum advance notice in order to ensure prompt arrival of individuals engaged to provide health care services.

(c) The maximum rates that can be billed or charged by the temporary health care services agency pursuant to section twenty-nine hundred ninety-nine-mm of this article and any applicable regulations.

(d) The rates to be charged by the temporary health care services agency.

(e) Procedures for the investigation and resolution of complaints about the performance of [~~temporary health care services agency personnel~~] individuals engaged to provide health care services.

(f) Procedures for notice from health care entities of failure of individuals engaged to provide health care services to report to an agreed upon scheduled shift.

(g) Procedures for notice of actual or suspected abuse, theft, tampering or other diversion of controlled substances by [~~medical personnel~~] individuals engaged to provide health care services.

(h) The types and qualifications of individuals engaged to provide health care services available through the temporary health care services agency.

3. A temporary health care services agency shall [~~submit to the department~~] retain for six years and make available to the department upon request copies of all contracts between the agency or a third party with whom the agency is subcontracting and a health care entity to which it assigns or otherwise connects individuals engaged to provide health care services, and copies of all invoices to health care entities [~~personnel~~]. Executed contracts [~~must be sent to the department within~~

~~five business days of their effective date and~~] submitted upon request to the department are not subject to disclosure under article six of the public officers law.

§ 4. Section 2999-ll of the public health law, as added by section 1 of part X of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2999-ll. Violations; penalties. In addition to other remedies available by law, violations of the provisions of this article and any regulations promulgated thereunder shall be subject to penalties and fines pursuant to section twelve of this chapter; provided, however, that each violation committed by [~~any health care personnel of~~] a temporary health care services agency shall be considered a separate violation.

§ 5. Section 2999-mm of the public health law, as added by section 1 of part X of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2999-mm. Rates for temporary health care services; reports. 1. A temporary health care services agency shall report quarterly to the department a full disclosure of charges and compensation, including a schedule of all hourly bill rates per category of [~~health care personnel~~] individuals engaged to provide health care services, a full description of administrative charges, and a schedule of rates of all compensation per category of [~~health care personnel~~] individuals engaged to provide health care services including, but not limited to:

[~~1.~~] (a) hourly regular pay rate, shift differential, weekend differential, hazard pay, charge nurse add-on, overtime, holiday pay, travel or mileage pay, and any health or other fringe benefits provided;

[~~2.~~] (b) the percentage of health care entity dollars that the agency expended on [~~temporary personnel wages and benefits~~] compensation, including, as applicable, benefits, to individuals engaged to provide health care services compared to the temporary health care services agency's profits and other administrative costs;

[~~3.~~] (c) a list of the states and zip codes of [~~their health care personnels'~~] the primary residences of individuals engaged to provide health care services;

[~~4.~~] (d) the names of all health care entities they or a third party with whom the agency is subcontracting have contracted within New York state;

[~~5.~~] (e) the number of [~~health care personnel of~~] individuals engaged to provide health care services by the temporary health care services agency working at each entity; and

[~~6.~~] (f) any other information prescribed by the commissioner.

2. The commissioner is hereby authorized to promulgate regulations to establish, monitor, and enforce a limitation on the amount that temporary health care services agencies or certain types or classes of such agencies may retain as profit from providing, procuring, or enabling health care entities to engage an individual to provide health care services, which for the purposes of this section shall be referred to as the "agency rate." In setting one or more agency rates, which can be expressed as a percentage or in another manner as determined by the department, the department shall take into consideration factors including but not limited to the ability to maintain sufficient staffing of the health care workforce, whether on a contract or permanent basis and across the range of needed professional titles and roles, in all geographic areas across the state. The department shall also engage in a periodic reassessment of any agency rates to ensure that they reflect current conditions and remain effective.

3. The department shall have discretion to grant waivers for extraordinary circumstances where compliance with the agency rate would result in demonstrable harm to health care access or staffing availability.

4. The commissioner shall publish guidelines establishing the forms and procedures for verification of compliance with an agency rate. In addition, a temporary health care services agency shall retain for six years and make available to the department upon request copies of all contracts, invoices, records, payroll information, and other documents necessary to determine compliance with the agency rate. The department is authorized to conduct audits of temporary health care services agencies as well as targeted investigations based on complaints or atypical reporting patterns.

§ 6. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

PART K

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 3018 of the public health law, as amended by section 8 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3. (a) This program shall authorize mobile integrated and community paramedicine programs presently operating and approved by the department as of May eleventh, two thousand twenty-three, under the authority of Executive Order Number 4 of two thousand twenty-one, entitled "Declaring a Statewide Disaster Emergency Due to Healthcare staffing shortages in the State of New York" to continue in the same manner and capacity as currently approved for a period of [~~four~~] eight years following the effective date of this section.

(b) Any ambulance service or advanced life support first response service not currently approved and operating in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subdivision may apply to the department for approval to operate a mobile integrated and community paramedicine program, and any mobile integrated and community paramedicine program currently operating pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision for a limited purpose, including but not limited to vaccination administration, may apply to the department for approval to modify its existing mobile integrated and community paramedicine program. Such applications must be submitted in a form and format prescribed by the department. The department may approve up to ninety-nine new or modified mobile integrated and community paramedicine programs pursuant to this paragraph. Programs approved pursuant to this paragraph may be permitted to operate in a geographic area defined by the department for a two-year period. Such approval may be extended by the department through May twenty-first, two thousand thirty-one, provided, however, no mobile integrated and community paramedicine program shall operate beyond such date. If a mobile integrated and community paramedicine program ceases to operate for any reason, the department may approve another ambulance service or advanced life support first response service, but at no point shall the aggregate number of mobile integrated and community paramedicine programs operating concurrently be more than ninety-nine.

(c) Upon a finding that an ambulance service or advanced life support first response service has failed to comply with the provisions of this article or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the depart-

ment may revoke its approval of the ambulance service's or advanced life support first response service's mobile integrated and community paramedicine program.

§ 2. Section 2 of chapter 137 of the laws of 2023 amending the public health law relating to establishing a community-based paramedicine demonstration program, as amended by section 8-a of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed [4] 8 years after such date; provided, however, that if this act shall have become a law on or after May 22, 2023 this act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after May 22, 2023.

§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 3001 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 804 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:

1. "Emergency medical service" means initial emergency medical assistance including, but not limited to, the treatment of trauma[~~r~~]; burns[~~r~~]; respiratory, circulatory and obstetrical emergencies; and executing medical regiments prescribed or ordered by a licensed health care provider authorized to make such prescription or order under this chapter or the education law.

§ 4. Section 6909 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 12 to read as follows:

12. A certified nurse practitioner may prescribe and order a non-patient specific regimen for administering immunizations to an emergency medical services practitioner licensed by the department of health pursuant to article thirty of the public health law, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent with the public health law, utilizing generally accepted medical standards and taking into consideration recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American College of Physicians, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and/or other similar nationally or internationally recognized scientific organizations. Nothing in this subdivision shall authorize unlicensed persons to administer immunizations, vaccines or other drugs.

§ 5. Section 6527 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 12 to read as follows:

12. A licensed physician may prescribe and order a non-patient specific regimen for administering immunizations to an emergency medical services practitioner licensed by the department of health pursuant to article thirty of the public health law, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent with the public health law, utilizing generally accepted medical standards and taking into consideration recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American College of Physicians, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and/or other similar nationally or internationally recognized scientific organizations. Nothing in this subdivision shall authorize unlicensed persons to administer immunizations, vaccines or other drugs.

§ 6. Section 2803 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 15 to read as follows:

15. Subject to the availability of federal financial participation and notwithstanding any provision of this article, or any rule or regulation

to the contrary, the commissioner may allow general hospitals to provide off-site acute care medical services, that are:

(a) not home care services as defined in subdivision one of section thirty-six hundred two of this chapter or the professional services enumerated in subdivision two of section thirty-six hundred two of this chapter; provided, however, that nothing shall preclude a hospital from offering hospital services as defined in subdivision four of section twenty-eight hundred one of this article;

(b) provided by a medical professional, including a physician, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, to a patient with a preexisting clinical relationship with the general hospital, or with the health care professional providing the service;

(c) provided to a patient for whom a medical professional has determined is appropriate to receive acute medical services at their residence; and

(d) consistent with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, the general hospital has appropriate discharge planning in place to coordinate discharge to a home care agency where medically necessary and consented to by the patient after the patient's acute care episode ends.

(e) Nothing in this subdivision shall preclude off-site services from being provided in accordance with subdivision eleven of this section and department regulations.

(f) The department is authorized to establish medical assistance program rates to effectuate this subdivision. For the purposes of the department determining the applicable rates pursuant to such authority, any general hospital approved pursuant to this subdivision shall report to the department, in the form and format required by the department, its annual operating costs and statistics, specifically for such off-site acute services. Failure to timely submit such cost data to the department may result in revocation of authority to participate in a program under this section due to the inability to establish appropriate reimbursement rates.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2026; provided, however, that the amendments to subdivision 3 of section 3018 of the public health law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

PART L

Section 1. Subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 2-b of section 2808 of the public health law, as amended by section 2 of part E of chapter 57 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

(iv) The capital cost component of rates on and after January first, two thousand nine shall: (A) fully reflect the cost of local property taxes and payments made in lieu of local property taxes, as reported in each facility's cost report submitted for the year two years prior to the rate year; (B) provided, however, notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this article, commencing April first, two thousand twenty for rates of payment for patients eligible for payments made by state governmental agencies, the capital cost component determined in accordance with this subparagraph and inclusive of any shared savings for eligible facilities that elect to refinance their mortgage loans pursuant to paragraph (d) of subdivision two-a of this section, shall be reduced by the commissioner by five percent; and (C) provided, however, notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this article, commencing

April first, two thousand twenty-four **and ending March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six** for rates of payment for patients eligible for payments made by state governmental agencies, the capital cost component determined in accordance with this subparagraph and inclusive of any shared savings for eligible facilities that elect to refinance their mortgage loans pursuant to paragraph (d) of subdivision two-a of this section, shall be reduced by the commissioner by an additional ten percent, provided, however, that such reduction shall not apply to rates of payment for patients in pediatric residential health care facilities as defined in paragraph (c) of subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred eight-e of this article.

§ 2. Subdivision 12 of section 367-a of the social services law, as amended by section 42 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

12. Prior to receiving medical assistance under subparagraphs five and six of paragraph (c) of subdivision one of section three hundred sixty-six of this title, a person whose net available income is at least one hundred fifty percent of the applicable federal income official poverty line, as defined and updated by the United States department of health and human services, must pay a monthly premium, in accordance with a procedure to be established by the commissioner. The amount of such premium shall be [~~twenty-five dollars for an individual who is otherwise eligible for medical assistance under such subparagraphs, and fifty dollars for a couple, both of whom are otherwise eligible for medical assistance under such subparagraphs~~] **subject to federal approval, up to three percent of net earned income and seven and one-half percent of net unearned income**. No premium shall be required from a person whose net available income is less than one hundred fifty percent of the applicable federal income official poverty line, as defined and updated by the United States department of health and human services.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2026.

PART M

Section 1. Subparagraphs (iii) and (iv) of paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 of section 367-a of the social services law, subparagraph (iii) as amended by section 31 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2015 and subparagraph (iv) as added by section 16 of part B of chapter 59 of the laws of 2016, are amended to read as follows:

(iii) With respect to items and services provided to eligible persons who are also beneficiaries under part B of title XVIII of the federal social security act and items and services provided to qualified medicare beneficiaries under part B of title XVIII of the federal social security act, the amount payable for services covered under this title shall be the amount of any co-insurance liability of such eligible persons pursuant to federal law were they not eligible for medical assistance or were they not qualified medicare beneficiaries with respect to such benefits under such part B, but shall not exceed the amount that otherwise would be made under this title if provided to an eligible person other than a person who is also a beneficiary under part B or is a qualified medicare beneficiary minus the amount payable under part B; provided, however, amounts payable under this title for items and services provided to eligible persons who are also beneficiaries under part B or to qualified medicare beneficiaries by [~~an ambulance service under the authority of an operating certificate issued pursuant~~

~~to article thirty of the public health law, a psychologist licensed under article one hundred fifty-three of the education law, or~~] a facility under the authority of an operating certificate issued pursuant to article sixteen, thirty-one or thirty-two of the mental hygiene law and with respect to outpatient hospital and clinic items and services provided by a facility under the authority of an operating certificate issued pursuant to article twenty-eight of the public health law, shall not be less than the amount of any co-insurance liability of such eligible persons or such qualified medicare beneficiaries, or for which such eligible persons or such qualified medicare beneficiaries would be liable under federal law were they not eligible for medical assistance or were they not qualified medicare beneficiaries with respect to such benefits under part B.

(iv) If a health plan participating in part C of title XVIII of the federal social security act pays for items and services provided to eligible persons who are also beneficiaries under part B of title XVIII of the federal social security act or to qualified medicare beneficiaries, the amount payable for services under this title shall be [~~eighty-five percent of~~] the amount of any co-insurance liability of such eligible persons pursuant to federal law if they were not eligible for medical assistance or were not qualified medicare beneficiaries with respect to such benefits under such part B[~~; provided, however, amounts payable under this title for items and services provided to eligible persons who are also beneficiaries under part B or to qualified medicare beneficiaries by an ambulance service under the authority of an operating certificate issued pursuant to article thirty of the public health law, or a psychologist licensed under article one hundred fifty-three of the education law, shall not be less than the amount of any co-insurance liability of such eligible persons or such qualified medicare beneficiaries, or for which such eligible persons or such qualified medicare beneficiaries would be liable under federal law were they not eligible for medical assistance or were they not qualified medicare beneficiaries with respect to such benefits under part B~~], but shall not exceed the amount that otherwise would be made under this title if provided to an eligible person other than a person who is also a beneficiary under part B or is a qualified medicare beneficiary minus the amount payable under part B.

§ 2. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 369-gg of the social services law is REPEALED.

§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 369-gg of the social services law is amended by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

(c) "Health care services" means (i) the services and supplies as defined by the commissioner in consultation with the superintendent of financial services, and shall be consistent with and subject to the essential health benefits as defined by the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of the patient protection and affordable care act (P.L. 111-148) and consistent with the benefits provided by the reference plan selected by the commissioner for the purposes of defining such benefits, and shall include coverage of and access to the services of any national cancer institute-designated cancer center licensed by the department of health within the service area of the approved organization that is willing to agree to provide cancer-related inpatient, outpatient and medical services to all enrollees in approved organizations' plans in such cancer center's service area under the prevailing terms and conditions that the approved organization requires of other similar providers to be included in the approved organization's network,

provided that such terms shall include reimbursement of such center at no less than the fee-for-service medicaid payment rate and methodology applicable to the center's inpatient and outpatient services; and (ii) dental and vision services as defined by the commissioner;

§ 4. Subdivision 4 of section 364-i of the social services law is REPEALED and subdivisions 5, 6, 7 and 8 of such section are renumbered subdivisions 4, 5, 6 and 7.

§ 5. Subparagraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 366 of the social services law, as added by section 1 of part D of chapter 56 of the laws of 2013, are amended to read as follows:

(2) A pregnant [~~woman~~] **person** or an infant younger than one year of age is eligible for standard coverage if [~~his or her~~] **their** MAGI household income does not exceed the MAGI-equivalent of two hundred percent of the federal poverty line for the applicable family size, which shall be calculated in accordance with guidance issued by the secretary of the United States department of health and human services[~~, or an infant younger than one year of age who meets the presumptive eligibility requirements of subdivision four of section three hundred sixty-four-i of this title~~].

(3) A child who is at least one year of age but younger than nineteen years of age is eligible for standard coverage if [~~his or her~~] **such child's** MAGI household income does not exceed the MAGI-equivalent of one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty line for the applicable family size, which shall be calculated in accordance with guidance issued by the Secretary of the United States department of health and human services[~~, or a child who is at least one year of age but younger than nineteen years of age who meets the presumptive eligibility requirements of subdivision four of section three hundred sixty-four-i of this title~~].

§ 6. Subparagraphs (7) and (8) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 366 of the social services law, as added by section 1 of part D of chapter 56 of the laws of 2013, are amended to read as follows:

(7) An individual receiving treatment for breast or cervical cancer who meets the eligibility requirements of paragraph (d) of subdivision four of this section or the presumptive eligibility requirements of subdivision [~~five~~] **four** of section three hundred sixty-four-i of this title.

(8) An individual receiving treatment for colon or prostate cancer who meets the eligibility requirements of paragraph (e) of subdivision four of this section or the presumptive eligibility requirements of subdivision [~~five~~] **four** of section three hundred sixty-four-i of this title.

§ 7. Clause (iii) of subparagraph (4) of paragraph (d) of subdivision 4 of section 366 of the social services law, as added by section 2 of part D of chapter 56 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(iii) An individual shall be eligible for presumptive eligibility for medical assistance under this paragraph in accordance with subdivision [~~five~~] **four** of section three hundred sixty-four-i of this title.

§ 8. Subparagraph (3) of paragraph (e) of subdivision 4 of section 366 of the social services law, as added by section 2 of part D of chapter 56 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(3) An individual shall be eligible for presumptive eligibility for medical assistance under this paragraph in accordance with subdivision [~~five~~] **four** of section three hundred sixty-four-i of this title.

§ 9. Subdivision 6 of section 365-a of the social services law, as amended by chapter 484 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

6. Any inconsistent provision of law notwithstanding, medical assistance shall also include payment for medical care, services or supplies furnished to eligible pregnant [~~women~~] **persons** pursuant to [~~paragraph (o) of subdivision four of~~] section three hundred sixty-six and subdivision [~~six~~] **five** of section three hundred sixty-four-i of this title, to the extent that and for so long as federal financial participation is available therefor; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be deemed to affect payment for such medical care, services or supplies if federal financial participation is not available for such care, services and supplies solely by reason of the immigration status of the otherwise eligible pregnant [~~woman~~] **person**.

§ 10. Paragraph (jj) of subdivision 2 of section 365-a of the social services law, as added by chapter 733 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

(jj) applied behavior analysis, under article one hundred sixty-seven of the education law, provided by a person licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to provide applied behavior analysis under that article**, when such services have been recommended by a health care or mental health care practitioner authorized under title eight of the education law who has been designated as an applied behavior analysis center of excellence provider by the commissioner of health. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to modify any licensure, certification or scope of practice provision under title eight of the education law**.

§ 11. Subdivision 5-d of section 4406-c of the public health law, as added by chapter 451 of the laws of 2007 and as relettered by chapter 237 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

5-d. **(a)** If a contract between a plan and a hospital is not renewed or is terminated by either party, the parties shall continue to abide by the terms of such contract, including reimbursement terms, **and including all terms affecting hospital-owned provider practices,** for a period of [~~two months~~] **one hundred twenty days** from the effective date of termination or, in the case of a non-renewal, from the end of the contract period. Notice shall be provided to all enrollees potentially affected by such termination or non-renewal within fifteen days after commencement of the [~~two-month~~] **one hundred twenty-day** period. The commissioner shall have the authority to waive the [~~two-month~~] **one hundred twenty-day** period upon the request of either party to a contract [~~that is being terminated for cause. This subdivision shall not apply where both parties mutually agree in writing to the termination or non-renewal and the plan provides notice to the enrollee at least thirty days in advance of the date of contract termination~~].

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the commissioner may review and approve all correspondence, communications, and publications that parties to a contract between a plan and a hospital intend to use to notify consumers within the sixty-day period prior to the contract termination or renewal date.

§ 11-a. Subsection (i) of section 3217-b of the insurance law, as amended by section 3 of chapter 237 of the laws of 2009 is amended to read as follows:

(i) **(1)** If a contract between an insurer and a hospital is not renewed or is terminated by either party, the parties shall continue to abide by the terms of such contract, including reimbursement terms, **and including all terms affecting hospital-owned provider practices,** for a period of [~~two months~~] **one hundred twenty days** from the effective date of termination or, in the case of a non-renewal, from the end of the contract period. Notice shall be provided to all insureds potentially affected by

such termination or non-renewal within fifteen days after commencement of the [~~two-month~~] **one hundred twenty-day** period. The commissioner of health shall have the authority to waive the [~~two-month~~] **one hundred twenty-day** period upon the request of either party to a contract [~~that is being terminated for cause. This subsection shall not apply where both parties mutually agree in writing to the termination or non-renewal and the insurer provides notice to the insured at least thirty days in advance of the date of contract termination~~].

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the commissioner of health may review and approve all correspondence, communications, and publications that parties to a contract between an insurer and a hospital intend to use to notify consumers within the sixty-day period prior to the contract termination or renewal date.

§ 11-b. Subsection (j) of section 4325 of the insurance law, as amended by section 1 of chapter 487 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

(j) **(1)** If a contract between a corporation and a hospital is not renewed or is terminated by either party, the parties shall continue to abide by the terms of such contract, including reimbursement terms, **and including all terms affecting hospital-owned provider practices,** for a period of [~~two months~~] **one hundred twenty days** from the effective date of termination or, in the case of a non-renewal, from the end of the contract period. Notice shall be provided to all subscribers potentially affected by such termination or non-renewal within fifteen days after commencement of the [~~two-month~~] **one hundred twenty-day** period. The commissioner of health shall have the authority to waive the [~~two-month~~] **one hundred twenty-day** period upon the request of either party to a contract [~~that is being terminated for cause. This subsection shall not apply where both parties mutually agree in writing to the termination or non-renewal and the corporation provides notice to the subscriber at least thirty days in advance of the date of contract termination~~].

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the commissioner of health may review and approve all correspondence, communications, and publications that parties to a contract between a corporation and a hospital intend to use to notify consumers within the sixty-day period prior to the contract termination or renewal date.

§ 12. Paragraph (mm) of subdivision 2 of section 365-a of the social services law, as amended by chapter 29 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

(mm) (i) biomarker precision medical testing for the purposes of diagnosis, treatment, or appropriate management of, or ongoing monitoring to guide treatment decisions for, a recipient's disease or condition [~~when one or more of the following recognizes the efficacy and appropriateness of biomarker precision medical testing for diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management, or guiding treatment decisions for a recipient's disease or condition:~~

~~(1) labeled indications for a test approved or cleared by the federal food and drug administration or indicated tests for a food and drug administration approved drug;~~

~~(2) centers for medicare and medicaid services national coverage determinations or medicare administrative contractor local coverage determinations;~~

~~(3) nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines; or~~

~~(4) peer-reviewed literature and peer-reviewed scientific studies published in or accepted for publication by medical journals that meet nationally recognized requirements for scientific manuscripts and that~~

~~submit most of their published articles for review by experts who are not part of the editorial staff~~].

(ii) As used in this paragraph, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Biomarker" means a characteristic that is measured as an indicator of normal biological processes, pathogenic processes, or responses to an exposure or intervention, including therapeutic interventions.

(2) "Biomarker precision medical testing" means the analysis of a patient's tissue, blood, or other biospecimen for the presence of a biomarker. Biomarker testing includes but is not limited to single-analyte tests and multi-plex panel tests performed at a participating in-network laboratory facility that is either CLIA certified or CLIA waived by the federal food and drug administration.

[~~(3) "Nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines" means evidence-based clinical practice guidelines informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits, and risks of alternative care options intended to optimize patient care developed by independent organizations or medical professional societies utilizing a transparent methodology and reporting structure and with a conflict of interest policy.~~]

§ 13. Subparagraph (3) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 of section 366 of the social services law, as amended by section 1 of part M of chapter 57 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

(3) [~~(A)~~] A child [~~between~~] **under** the [~~ages~~] **age** of [~~six and~~] nineteen who is determined eligible for medical assistance under the provisions of this section, shall, consistent with applicable federal requirements, remain eligible for such assistance until **the earlier of:**

(A) the last day of the month which is twelve months following the determination or renewal of eligibility for such assistance**; or**

(B) the last day of the month in which the child reaches the age of nineteen.

[~~(B) A child under the age of six who is determined eligible for medical assistance under the provisions of this section, shall, consistent with applicable federal requirements, remain continuously eligible for medical assistance coverage until the later of:~~

~~(i) the last day of the twelfth month following the determination or renewal of eligibility for such assistance; or~~

~~(ii) the last day of the month in which the child reaches the age of six.~~]

§ 14. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 6 of section 2510 of the public health law is REPEALED.

§ 15. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2026; provided, however:

a. section one of this act shall take effect October 1, 2027;

b. sections thirteen and fourteen of this act shall take effect July 1, 2026; and

c. the amendments to subdivision 5-d of section 4406-c of the public health law made by section eleven of this act shall not affect the expiration and repeal of such subdivision and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

PART N

Section 1. This act enacts into law components of legislation relating to the scope and practice of certain medical professions. Each component

is wholly contained within a Subpart identified as Subparts A through E. The effective date for each particular provision contained within such Subpart is set forth in the last section of such Subpart. Any provision in any section contained within a Subpart, including the effective date of the Subpart, which makes a reference to a section "of this act", when used in connection with that particular component, shall be deemed to mean and refer to the corresponding section of the Subpart in which it is found. Section three of this act sets forth the general effective date of this act.

SUBPART A

Section 1. Section 6526 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 11 to read as follows:

11. Any medical assistant when drawing and administering an immunization in an outpatient office setting under the direct supervision of a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.

§ 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2113 to read as follows:

§ 2113. Administration of immunizations; medical assistants. Notwithstanding any other law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants are hereby authorized to delegate the task of drawing up and administering immunizations to medical assistants in an outpatient office setting in accordance with regulations issued by the commissioner, utilizing generally accepted medical standards and taking into consideration recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American College of Physicians, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, or other similar nationally or internationally recognized scientific organizations; provided that medical assistants receive appropriate training and adequate supervision determined pursuant to regulations by the commissioner in consultation with the commissioner of education.

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

SUBPART B

Section 1. Section 6908 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3. This article shall not be construed as prohibiting medication related tasks provided by a certified medication aide working in a residential health care facility, as defined in section twenty-eight hundred one of the public health law, in accordance with regulations developed by the commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioner. The commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioner, shall adopt regulations governing certified medication aides that, at a minimum, shall:

a. specify the medication-related tasks that may be performed by certified medication aides pursuant to this subdivision. Such tasks shall include the administration of medications which are routine and pre-filled or otherwise packaged in a manner that promotes relative ease

of administration, provided that administration of medications by injection, sterile procedures, and central line maintenance shall be prohibited. Provided, however, such prohibition shall not apply to injections of insulin or other injections for diabetes care, to injections of low molecular weight heparin, and to pre-filled auto-injections of naloxone and epinephrine for emergency purposes, and provided, further, that entities employing certified medication aides pursuant to this subdivision shall establish a systematic approach to address drug diversion;

b. provide that medication-related tasks performed by certified medication aides may be performed only under appropriate supervision as determined by the commissioner of health;

c. establish a process by which a registered professional nurse may assign medication-related tasks to a certified medication aide. Such process shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) allowing assignment of medication-related tasks to a certified medication aide only where such certified medication aide has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the supervising registered professional nurse competency in every medication-related task that such certified medication aide is authorized to perform, a willingness to perform such medication-related tasks, and the ability to effectively and efficiently communicate with the individual receiving services and understand such individual's needs;

(ii) authorizing the supervising registered professional nurse to revoke any assigned medication-related task from a certified medication aide for any reason; and

(iii) authorizing multiple registered professional nurses to jointly agree to assign medication-related tasks to a certified medication aide, provided further that only one registered professional nurse shall be required to determine if the certified medication aide has demonstrated competency in the medication-related task to be performed;

d. provide that medication-related tasks may be performed only in accordance with and pursuant to an authorized health practitioner's ordered care;

e. provide that only a certified nurse aide may perform medication-related tasks as a certified medication aide when such aide has:

(i) a valid New York state nurse aide certificate;

(ii) a high school diploma, or its equivalent;

(iii) evidence of being at least eighteen years old;

(iv) at least one year of experience providing nurse aide services in a residential health care facility licensed pursuant to article twenty-eight of the public health law or a similarly licensed facility in another state or United States territory;

(v) the ability to read, write, and speak English and to perform basic math skills;

(vi) completed the requisite training and demonstrated competencies of a certified medication aide as determined by the commissioner of health in consultation with the commissioner;

(vii) successfully completed competency examinations satisfactory to the commissioner of health in consultation with the commissioner; and

(viii) meets other appropriate qualifications as determined by the commissioner of health in consultation with the commissioner;

f. prohibit a certified medication aide from holding themselves out, or accepting employment as, a person licensed to practice nursing under the provisions of this article;

g. provide that a certified medication aide is not required nor permitted to assess the medication or medical needs of an individual;

h. provide that a certified medication aide shall not be authorized to perform any medication-related tasks or activities pursuant to this subdivision that are outside the scope of practice of a licensed practical nurse or any medication-related tasks that have not been appropriately assigned by the supervising registered professional nurse;

i. provide that a certified medication aide shall document all medication-related tasks provided to an individual, including medication administration to each individual through the use of a medication administration record; and

j. provide that the supervising registered professional nurse shall retain the discretion to decide whether to assign medication-related tasks to certified medication aides under this program and shall not be subject to coercion, retaliation, or the threat of retaliation.

§ 2. Section 6909 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 12 to read as follows:

12. A registered professional nurse, while working for a residential health care facility licensed pursuant to article twenty-eight of the public health law, may, in accordance with this subdivision, assign certified medication aides to perform medication-related tasks for individuals pursuant to the provisions of subdivision three of section sixty-nine hundred eight of this article and supervise certified medication aides who perform assigned medication-related tasks.

§ 3. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 2803-j of the public health law, as added by chapter 717 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Identification of individuals who have successfully completed a nurse aide training and competency evaluation program, [~~or~~] a nurse aide competency evaluation program, or a medication aide program;

§ 4. The commissioner of health shall, in consultation with the commissioner of education, issue a report on the implementation of certified medication aides in residential care facilities in the state two years after the effective date of this act. Such report shall include the number of certified medication aides authorized pursuant to this act; the impact, if any, that the introduction of certified medication aides had on workforce availability in residential care facilities and/or the retention of registered nurses and/or licensed practical nurses working in residential care facilities; the number of complaints pertaining to services provided by certified medication aides that were reported to the department of health; and the number of certified medication aides who had their authorization limited or revoked. Such report shall provide recommendations to the governor and the chairs of the senate and assembly health and higher education committees regarding the implementation of certified medication aides pursuant to this act, and any recommendations related thereto.

§ 5. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law and shall expire ten years following such effective date when upon such date the provisions of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed.

SUBPART C

Section 1. Subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 42 of section 305 of the education law, as added by chapter 496 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

(iii) requiring the immediate removal from athletic activities of any pupil believed to have sustained or who has sustained a mild traumatic brain injury. In the event that there is any doubt as to whether a pupil has sustained a concussion, it shall be presumed that [~~he or she~~] **such pupil** has been so injured until proven otherwise. No such pupil shall resume athletic activity until [~~he or she~~] **such pupil** shall have been symptom free for not less than twenty-four hours, and has been evaluated by and received written and signed authorization from a [~~licensed physician~~] **qualified health care provider acting within their scope of practice**. Such authorization shall be kept on file in the pupil's permanent health record. Furthermore, such rules and regulations shall provide guidelines for limitations and restrictions on school attendance and activities for pupils who have sustained mild traumatic brain injuries, consistent with the directives of the pupil's [~~treating physician~~] **health care provider**.

§ 2. Subdivision b of section 923 of the education law, as added by chapter 500 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

b. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations requiring that any student displaying signs or symptoms of pending or increased risk of sudden cardiac arrest shall be immediately removed from athletic activities and shall not resume athletic activity until [~~he or she~~] **such student** has been evaluated by and received written and signed authorization from a [~~licensed physician~~] **qualified health care provider acting within their scope of practice**. Such authorization shall be kept on file in the pupil's permanent health record.

§ 3. Section 3624 of the education law, as amended by chapter 529 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3624. Drivers, monitors and attendants. The commissioner shall determine and define the qualifications of drivers, monitors and attendants and shall make the rules and regulations governing the operation of all transportation facilities used by pupils which rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to, a maximum speed of fifty-five miles per hour for school vehicles engaged in pupil transportation that are operated on roads, interstates or other highways, parkways or bridges or portions thereof that have posted speed limits in excess of fifty-five miles per hour, prohibitions relating to smoking, eating and drinking and any and all other acts or conduct which would otherwise impair the safe operation of such transportation facilities while actually being used for the transport of pupils. The employment of each driver, monitor and attendant shall be approved by the chief school administrator of a school district for each school bus operated within [~~his or her~~] **such administrator's** district. For the purpose of determining [~~his or her~~] **such driver, monitor and attendant's** physical fitness, each driver, monitor and attendant may be examined on order of the chief school administrator by a [~~duly licensed physician~~] **qualified health care provider acting within their scope of practice** within two weeks prior to the beginning of service in each school year as a school bus driver, monitor or attendant. The report of the [~~physician~~] **qualified health care provider**, in writing, shall be considered by the chief school administrator in determining the fitness of the driver to operate or continue to operate any transportation facilities used by pupils and in determining the fitness of any monitor or attendant to carry out [~~his or her~~] **such monitor or attendant's** functions on such transportation facilities. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a school district from imposing a more restrictive speed limit policy for the operation of

school vehicles engaged in pupil transportation than the speed limit policy established by the commissioner.

§ 4. Paragraph (i) of subdivision 1 and subdivision 3 of section 1203-a of the vehicle and traffic law, paragraph (i) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 205 of the laws of 2024 and subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 220 of the laws of 1984, are amended to read as follows:

(i) any resident of New York state who is a severely disabled person, as defined in subdivision four of section four hundred four-a of this chapter, upon application of such person or such person's parent or guardian, provided, however, that an issuing agent shall issue permits only to residents of the city, town or village in which such issuing agent is located, except that, an issuing agent, in their discretion, may issue a permit to a severely disabled person who is not a resident of the city, town, or village in which such issuing agent is located where such person resides in a city, town, or village in which the governing body has not appointed an issuing agent; and an issuing agent, in their discretion, may issue a temporary special vehicle identification parking permit, as authorized by subdivision three of this section, to a person who is temporarily unable to ambulate without the aid of an assisting device, as certified by a [~~physician~~] **qualified health care provider authorized to certify that an individual is severely disabled pursuant to subdivision four of section four hundred four-a of this chapter**, who resides in a city, town, or village in which the issuing agent does not issue temporary special vehicle identification parking permits, or who is not a resident of the United States and is temporarily visiting the state; or

3. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, any municipality may issue a temporary special vehicle identification parking permit to any person who is temporarily unable to ambulate without the aid of an assisting device, as certified by [~~a physician~~] **a qualified health care provider authorized to certify that an individual is severely disabled pursuant to subdivision four of section four hundred four-a of this chapter**. Such temporary special vehicle identification parking permit shall be valid for not more than six months and shall be recognized statewide.

§ 5. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 3 of section 1203-h of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 243 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

(d) are severely disabled persons, as defined in subdivision four of section four hundred four-a of this chapter, whose severe disability, as certified by a [~~licensed physician~~] **qualified health care provider authorized to certify that an individual is severely disabled pursuant to such subdivision**, limits one or more of the following:

(i) fine motor control in both hands;

(ii) ability to reach or access a parking meter due to use of a wheelchair or other ambulatory device; or

(iii) ability to reach a height of forty-two inches from the ground due to the lack of finger, hand or upper extremity strength or mobility.

§ 6. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 12-a of section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 135 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Any person required for medical reasons to be shielded from the direct rays of the sun and/or any person operating a motor vehicle belonging to such person or in which such person is an habitual passenger shall be exempt from the provisions of subparagraphs one and two of paragraph (b) of this subdivision provided the commissioner has granted

an exemption and notice of such exemption is affixed to the vehicle as directed by the commissioner. The applicant for such exemption must provide a [~~physician's~~] statement **from a qualified health care provider acting within their scope of practice** with the reason for the exemption, the name of the individual with a medically necessary condition operating or transported in the vehicle, the specific condition involved, and the minimum level of light transmission required. The commissioner shall only authorize exemptions where the medical condition certified by the [~~physician~~] **qualified health care provider** is contained on a list of medical conditions prepared by the commissioner of health pursuant to subdivision sixteen of section two hundred six of the public health law. If such [~~such~~] exemption is granted, the commissioner shall make a record thereof and shall distribute a sufficiently noticeable sticker to the applicant to be attached to any window so shielded or altered pursuant to such exemption.

§ 7. Paragraph (iii) of subdivision 3 of section 509-d of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 675 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

(iii) the initial qualifying medical examination form and the biennial medical examination form completed by the carrier's [~~physician~~] **qualified health care provider acting within their scope of practice**;

§ 8. Section 509-k of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 1050 of the laws of 1974, is amended to read as follows:

§ 509-k. Ill or fatigued operator. No driver shall operate a bus and a motor carrier shall not permit a driver to operate a bus while the driver's ability or alertness is so impaired, or so likely to become impaired, through fatigue, illness or any other cause, as to make it unsafe for [~~him~~] **such driver** to begin or continue to operate the bus. At the request of the driver or the motor carrier such illness, fatigue, or other cause shall be certified by a qualified [~~physician~~] **health care provider acting within their scope of practice**. However, in a case of grave emergency where the hazard to occupants of the bus or other users of the highway would be increased by compliance with this section, the driver may continue to operate the bus to the nearest place at which that hazard is removed.

§ 9. Subdivision 7 of section 1229-c of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 365 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:

7. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a passenger or operator with a physically disabling condition whose physical disability would prevent appropriate restraint in such safety seat or safety belt provided, however, such condition is duly certified by a [~~physician~~] **qualified health care provider acting within their scope of practice** who shall state the nature of the handicap, as well as the reason such restraint is inappropriate.

§ 10. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) of section 517 of the judiciary law, as amended by chapter 380 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph two of this subdivision, the commissioner of jurors may, in [~~his or her~~] **such commissioner's** discretion, on the application of a prospective juror who has been summoned to attend, excuse such prospective juror from a part or the whole of the time of jury service or may postpone the time of jury service to a later day during the same or any subsequent term of the court, provided that if the prospective juror is a breastfeeding mother and submits with her application a note from a [~~physician~~] **qualified**

health care provider acting within their scope of practice indicating that the prospective juror is breastfeeding, the commissioner shall excuse the prospective juror or postpone the time of jury service. The application shall be presented to the commissioner at such time and in such manner as [~~he or she~~] such commissioner shall require, except that an application for postponement of the initial date for jury service may be made by telephone.

§ 11. The amendments to the education law, vehicle and traffic law, and judiciary law made by this act shall not be construed to expand or contract the scope of practice of any health care professional under title 8 of the education law.

§ 12. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.

SUBPART D

Section 1. Article 131-A of the education law is REPEALED.

§ 2. Section 230-e of the public health law is REPEALED.

§ 3. Title 2-A of article 2 of the public health law is amended by adding five new sections 230-e, 230-f, 230-g, 230-h and 230-i to read as follows:

§ 230-e. Definitions of professional misconduct applicable to physicians, physician's assistants and specialist's assistants. Each of the following is professional misconduct, and any licensee found guilty of such misconduct under the procedures described in section two hundred thirty of this title shall be subject to penalties as prescribed in section two hundred thirty-a of this title except that the charges may be dismissed in the interest of justice:

1. Obtaining the license fraudulently;

2. Practicing the profession fraudulently or beyond its authorized scope;

3. Practicing the profession with negligence on more than one occasion;

4. Practicing the profession with gross negligence on a particular occasion;

5. Practicing the profession with incompetence on more than one occasion;

6. Practicing the profession with gross incompetence;

7. Practicing the profession while impaired by alcohol, drugs, physical disability, or mental disability;

8. Being a habitual abuser of alcohol, or being dependent on or a habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens, or other drugs having similar effects, except for a licensee who is maintained on an approved therapeutic regimen which does not impair the ability to practice, or having a psychiatric condition which impairs the licensee's ability to practice;

9.(a) Being convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under:

(i) New York state law, or

(ii) federal law, or

(iii) the law of another jurisdiction and which, if committed within this state, would have constituted a crime under New York state law;

(b) Having been found guilty of improper professional practice or professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state where the conduct upon which the finding was based would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state;

(c) Having been found guilty in an adjudicatory proceeding of violating a state or federal statute or regulation, pursuant to a final decision or determination, and when no appeal is pending, or after resolution of the proceeding by stipulation or agreement, and when the violation would constitute professional misconduct pursuant to this section;

(d) Having their license to practice medicine revoked, suspended or having other disciplinary action taken, or having their application for a license refused, revoked or suspended or having voluntarily or otherwise surrendered their license after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the revocation, suspension or other disciplinary action involving the license or refusal, revocation or suspension of an application for a license or the surrender of the license would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state;

(e) Having been found by the commissioner to be in violation of article thirty-three of this chapter;

10. Refusing to provide professional service to a person because of such person's race, creed, color or national origin;

11. Permitting, aiding or abetting an unlicensed person to perform activities requiring a license;

12. Practicing the profession while the license is suspended or inactive as defined in subdivision thirteen of section two hundred thirty of this title, or willfully failing to register or notify the department of any change of name or mailing address, or, if a professional service corporation, willfully failing to comply with sections fifteen hundred three and fifteen hundred fourteen of the business corporation law or, if a university faculty practice corporation willfully failing to comply with paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of section fifteen hundred three and section fifteen hundred fourteen of the business corporation law;

13. A willful violation by a licensee of subdivision eleven of section two hundred thirty of this title;

14. A violation of sections twenty-eight hundred three-d, twenty-eight hundred five-k of this chapter or subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (h) of subdivision ten of section two hundred thirty of this title;

15. Failure to comply with an order issued pursuant to subdivision seven, paragraph (a) of subdivision ten, or subdivision seventeen of section two hundred thirty of this title;

16. A willful or grossly negligent failure to comply with substantial provisions of federal, state, or local laws, or regulations governing the practice of medicine;

17. Exercising undue influence on the patient, including the promotion of the sale of services, goods, appliances, or drugs in such manner as to exploit the patient for the financial gain of the licensee or of a third party;

18. Directly or indirectly offering, giving, soliciting, or receiving or agreeing to receive, any fee or other consideration to or from a third party for the referral of a patient or in connection with the performance of professional services;

19. Permitting any person to share in the fees for professional services, other than: a partner, employee, associate in a professional firm or corporation, professional subcontractor or consultant authorized to practice medicine, or a legally authorized trainee practicing under the supervision of a licensee. This prohibition shall include any arrangement or agreement whereby the amount received in payment for

furnishing space, facilities, equipment or personnel services used by a licensee constitutes a percentage of, or is otherwise dependent upon, the income or receipts of the licensee from such practice, except as otherwise provided by law with respect to a facility licensed pursuant to article twenty-eight of this chapter or article thirteen of the mental hygiene law;

20. Conduct in the practice of medicine which evidences moral unfitness to practice medicine;

21. Willfully making or filing a false report, or failing to file a report required by law or by the department or the education department, or willfully impeding or obstructing such filing, or inducing another person to do so;

22. Failing to make available to a patient, upon request, copies of documents in the possession or under the control of the licensee which have been prepared for and paid for by the patient or client;

23. Revealing of personally identifiable facts, data, or information obtained in a professional capacity without the prior consent of the patient, except as authorized or required by law;

24. Practicing or offering to practice beyond the scope permitted by law, or accepting and performing professional responsibilities which the licensee knows or has reason to know that they are not competent to perform, or performing without adequate supervision professional services which the licensee is authorized to perform only under the supervision of a licensed professional, except in an emergency situation where a person's life or health is in danger;

25. Delegating professional responsibilities to a person when the licensee delegating such responsibilities knows or has reason to know that such person is not qualified, by training, by experience, or by licensure, to perform them;

26. With respect to any non-emergency treatment, procedure or surgery which is expected to involve local or general anesthesia, failing to disclose to the patient the identities of all physicians, except health-care professionals in certified anesthesiology training programs, podiatrists and dentists, reasonably anticipated to be actively involved in such treatment, procedure or surgery and to obtain such patient's informed consent to said practitioners' participation;

27. Performing professional services which have not been duly authorized by the patient or their legal representative;

28. Advertising or soliciting for patronage that is not in the public interest;

(a) Advertising or soliciting not in the public interest shall include, but not be limited to, advertising or soliciting that:

(i) is false, fraudulent, deceptive, misleading, sensational, or flamboyant;

(ii) represents intimidation or undue pressure;

(iii) uses testimonials;

(iv) guarantees any service;

(v) makes any claim relating to professional services or products or the costs or price therefor which cannot be substantiated by the licensee, who shall have the burden of proof;

(vi) makes claims of professional superiority which cannot be substantiated by the licensee, who shall have the burden of proof; or

(vii) offers bonuses or inducements in any form other than a discount or reduction in an established fee or price for a professional service or product.

(b) The following shall be deemed appropriate means of informing the public of the availability of professional services:

(i) informational advertising not contrary to the foregoing prohibitions; and

(ii) the advertising in a newspaper, periodical or professional directory or on radio or television of fixed prices, or a stated range of prices, for specified routine professional services, provided that if there is an additional charge for related services which are an integral part of the overall services being provided by the licensee, the advertisement shall so state, and provided further that the advertisement indicates the period of time for which the advertised prices shall be in effect.

(c)(i) All licensees placing advertisements shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, an exact copy of each advertisement, transcript, tape or video tape thereof as appropriate for the medium used, for a period of one year after its last appearance. This copy shall be made available for inspection upon demand of the department;

(ii) A licensee shall not compensate or give anything of value to representatives of the press, radio, television, or other communications media in anticipation of or in return for professional publicity in a news item;

(d) No demonstrations, dramatizations or other portrayals of professional practice shall be permitted in advertising on radio or television;

29. Failing to respond within thirty days to written communications from the department and to make available any relevant records with respect to an inquiry or complaint about the licensee's professional misconduct. The period of thirty days shall commence on the date when such communication was delivered personally to the licensee. If the communication is sent from the department by registered or certified mail, with return receipt requested, to the address appearing in the last registration, the period of thirty days shall commence on the date of delivery of the licensee, as indicated by the return receipt;

30. Violating any term of probation or condition or limitation imposed on the licensee pursuant to section two hundred thirty of this title;

31. Abandoning or neglecting a patient under and in need of immediate professional care, without making reasonable arrangements for the continuation of such care, or abandoning a professional employment by a group practice, hospital, clinic or other health care facility, without reasonable notice and under circumstances which seriously impair the delivery of professional care to patients or clients;

32. Willfully harassing, abusing, or intimidating a patient either physically or verbally;

33. Failing to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of the patient, provided, however, that a licensee who transfers an original mammogram to a medical institution, or to a physician or health care provider of the patient, or to the patient directly, as otherwise provided by law, shall have no obligation under this section to maintain the original or a copy thereof. Unless otherwise provided by law, all patient records must be retained for at least six years. Obstetrical records and records of minor patients must be retained for at least six years, and until one year after the minor patient reaches the age of eighteen years;

34. Failing to exercise appropriate supervision over persons who are authorized to practice only under the supervision of the licensee;

35. Guaranteeing that satisfaction or a cure will result from the performance of professional services;

36. Ordering of excessive tests, treatment, or use of treatment facilities not warranted by the condition of the patient;

37. Claiming or using any secret or special method of treatment which the licensee refused to divulge to the department;

38. Failing to wear an identifying badge, which shall be conspicuously displayed and legible, indicating the practitioner's name and professional title authorized pursuant to title eight of the education law while practicing as an employee or operator of a hospital, clinic, group practice or multi-professional facility, or at a commercial establishment offering health services to the public;

39. Entering into an arrangement or agreement with a pharmacy for the compounding and/or dispensing of coded or specially marked prescriptions;

40. With respect to all professional practices conducted under an assumed name, other than facilities licensed pursuant to article twenty-eight of this chapter or article thirteen of the mental hygiene law, failing to post conspicuously at the site of such practice the name and licensure field of all of the principal professional licensees engaged in the practice at that site, including but not limited to, principal partners, officers or principal shareholders;

41. Failing to provide access by qualified persons to patient information in accordance with the standards set forth in section eighteen of this chapter;

42. Knowingly or willfully performing a complete or partial autopsy on a deceased person without lawful authority;

43. Failing to comply with a signed agreement to practice medicine in New York state in an area designated by the commissioner or the commissioner of education as having a shortage of physicians or refusing to repay medical education costs in lieu of such required service, or failing to comply with any provision of a written agreement with the state or any municipality within which the licensee has agreed to provide medical service, or refusing to repay funds in lieu of such service as consideration of awards made by the state or any municipality thereof for their professional education in medicine, or failing to comply with any agreement entered into to aid their medical education;

44. Failing to complete forms or reports required for the reimbursement of a patient by a third party. Reasonable fees may be charged for such forms or reports, but prior payment for the professional services to which such forms or reports relate may not be required as a condition for making such forms or reports available;

45. In the practice of psychiatry,

(a) any physical contact of a sexual nature between licensee and patient except the use of films and/or other audiovisual aids with individuals or groups in the development of appropriate responses to overcome sexual dysfunction;

(b) in therapy groups, activities which promote explicit physical sexual contact between group members during sessions;

46. In the practice of ophthalmology, failing to provide a patient, upon request, with the patient's prescription including the name, address, and signature of the prescriber and the date of the prescription;

47. A violation of section two hundred thirty-nine of this chapter by a professional;

48. Failure to use scientifically accepted barrier precautions and infection control practices established by the department pursuant to section two hundred thirty-nine-a of this article;

49. A violation of section two hundred thirty-d of this title or the regulations of the commissioner enacted thereunder;

50. Except for good cause shown, failing to provide within one day any relevant records or other information requested by the state or local department of health with respect to an inquiry into a report of a communicable disease as defined in the state sanitary code, or HIV/AIDS; and

51. Performing a pelvic examination or supervising the performance of a pelvic examination in violation of subdivision seven of section twenty-five hundred four of this chapter.

§ 230-f. Additional definition of professional misconduct, limited application. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this title or any other provisions of law to the contrary, the license or registration of a person subject to the provisions of this title may be revoked, suspended, or annulled or such person may be subject to any other penalty provided in this title in accordance with the provisions and procedures of this title for the following:

That any person subject to this title has directly or indirectly requested, received or participated in the division, transference, assignment, rebate, splitting, or refunding of a fee for, or has directly requested, received or profited by means of a credit or other valuable consideration as a commission, discount or gratuity, in connection with the furnishing of professional care or service, including x-ray examination and treatment, or for or in connection with the sale, rental, supplying, or furnishing of clinical laboratory services or supplies, x-ray laboratory services or supplies, inhalation therapy service or equipment, ambulance service, hospital or medical supplies, physiotherapy or other therapeutic service or equipment, artificial limbs, teeth or eyes, orthopedic or surgical appliances or supplies, optical appliances, supplies, or equipment, devices for aid of hearing, drugs, medication, or medical supplies, or any other goods, services, or supplies prescribed for medical diagnosis, care, or treatment under this chapter except payment, not to exceed thirty-three and one-third percent of any fee received for x-ray examination, diagnosis, or treatment, to any hospital furnishing facilities for such examination, diagnosis, or treatment. Nothing contained in this section shall prohibit such persons from practicing as partners, in groups or as a professional corporation or as a university faculty practice corporation, nor from pooling fees and moneys received, either by the partnerships, professional corporations, or university faculty practice corporations or groups by the individual members thereof, for professional services furnished by an individual professional member, or employee of such partnership, corporation, or group, nor shall the professionals constituting the partnerships, corporations or groups be prohibited from sharing, dividing, or apportioning the fees and moneys received by them or by the partnership, corporation, or group in accordance with a partnership or other agreement; provided that no such practice as partners, corporations, or groups, or pooling of fees or moneys received or shared, division or apportionment of fees shall be permitted with respect to and treatment under the workers' compensation law. Nothing contained in this chapter shall prohibit a corporation licensed pursuant to article forty-three of the insurance law pursuant to its contract with the subscribed from prorationing a medical or dental expenses

indemnity allowance among two or more professionals in proportion to the services rendered by each such professional at the request of the subscriber, provided that prior to payment thereof such professionals shall submit both to the corporation licensed pursuant to article forty-three of the insurance law and to the subscriber statements itemizing the services rendered by each such professional and the charges therefor.

§ 230-g. Additional definition of professional misconduct, mental health professionals. 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Mental health professional" means a person subject to the provisions of article one hundred thirty-one of the education law.

(b) "Sexual orientation change efforts"

(i) means any practice by a mental health professional that seeks to change an individual's sexual orientation, including, but not limited to, efforts to change behaviors, gender identity, or gender expressions, or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings towards individuals of the same sex; and

(ii) shall not include counseling for a person seeking to transition from one gender to another, or psychotherapies that:

(A) provide acceptance, support and understanding of patients or the facilitation of patients' coping, social support, and identity exploration and development, including sexual orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices; and

(B) do not seek to change sexual orientation.

2. It shall be professional misconduct for a mental health professional to engage in sexual orientation change efforts upon any patient under the age of eighteen years, and any mental health professional found guilty of such misconduct under the procedures prescribed in this title shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in this title.

§ 230-h. Exceptions; reproductive health services. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Reproductive health care" shall mean and include all services, care, or products of a medical, surgical, psychiatric, therapeutic, diagnostic, mental health, behavioral health, preventative, rehabilitative, supportive, consultative, referral, prescribing, or dispensing nature relating to the human reproductive system provided in accordance with the constitution and the laws of this state, whether provided in person or by means of telehealth or telehealth services, which includes, but is not limited to, all services, care, and products relating to pregnancy, assisted reproduction, contraception, miscarriage management or abortion, including but not limited to care an individual provides to themself.

(b) "Health care practitioner" means a person who is licensed, certified, or authorized under title eight of the education law and acting within their lawful scope of practice.

(c) "Gender-affirming care" means any type of care provided to an individual to affirm their gender identity or gender expression, including but not limited to care an individual provides to themself; provided that surgical interventions on minors with variations in their sex characteristics that are not sought and initiated by the individual patient are not gender-affirming care.

2. Any legally protected health activity as defined by section 570.17 of the criminal procedure law, by a health care practitioner acting within their scope of practice, shall not, by itself, constitute professional misconduct under this title or any other law, rule or regulation governing the licensure, certification or authorization of such practi-

tioner, nor shall any license, certification or authorization of a health care practitioner be revoked, suspended, or annulled or otherwise subject to any other penalty or discipline provided in this title solely on the basis that such health care practitioner engaged in legally protected health activity, as defined by section 570.17 of the criminal procedure law.

3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to expand the scope of practice of any individual licensed, certified or authorized under this chapter or title eight of the education law, nor does this section give any such individual the authority to act outside their scope of practice, as defined in this chapter.

§ 230-i. Enforcement, administration and interpretation of this title. The board of professional medical conduct and the department shall enforce, administer and interpret this title.

§ 4. Section 6527 of the education law is REPEALED.

§ 5. The public health law is amended by adding a new article 37-B to read as follows:

ARTICLE 37-B
PHYSICIANS

Section 3750. Commissioner; powers and duties.
3751. Special provisions.

§ 3750. Commissioner; powers and duties. The commissioner shall have the following powers and duties:

1. to promulgate regulations when, in the discretion of the commissioner, there is a need for uniform standards or procedures to address health care safety, quality, access, or other considerations deemed appropriate by the commissioner;

2. to promulgate regulations and take other actions reasonably necessary to effectuate its role as the licensing authority for professional business entities engaged in the profession of medicine pursuant to article fifteen of the business corporation law, articles twelve and thirteen of the limited liability company law, and the partnership law;

3. to determine the desirability of and to establish rules for requiring continuing education of licensed physicians; and

4. to adopt such other rules and regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this article.

§ 3751. Special provisions. 1. A not-for-profit medical or dental expense indemnity corporation or a hospital service corporation organized under the insurance law may employ licensed physicians and enter into contracts with partnerships or medical corporations organized under article forty-four of this chapter, health maintenance organizations possessing a certificate of authority pursuant to article forty-four of this chapter, professional corporations organized under article fifteen of the business corporation law or other groups of physicians to practice medicine on its behalf for persons insured under its contracts or policies;

2. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of any general, special or local law, any licensed physician who voluntarily and without the expectation of monetary compensation renders first aid or emergency treatment at the scene of an accident or other emergency, outside a hospital, doctor's office or any other place having proper and necessary medical equipment, to a person who is unconscious, ill or injured, shall not be liable for damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by such person or for damages for the death of such person alleged to have occurred by reason of an act or omission in the rendering of such first aid or emergency treatment unless it is established that such injuries

were or such death was caused by gross negligence on the part of such physician. Nothing in this subdivision shall be deemed or construed to relieve a licensed physician from liability for damages for injuries or death caused by an act or omission on the part of a physician while rendering professional services in the normal and ordinary course of their practice;

3. No individual who serves as a member of (a) a committee established to administer a utilization review plan of a hospital, including a hospital as defined in article twenty-eight of this chapter or a hospital as defined in subdivision ten of section 1.03 of the mental hygiene law, or (b) a committee having the responsibility of the investigation of an incident reported pursuant to section 29.29 of the mental hygiene law or the evaluation and improvement of the quality of care rendered in a hospital as defined in article twenty-eight of this chapter or a hospital as defined in subdivision ten of section 1.03 of the mental hygiene law, or (c) any medical review committee or subcommittee thereof of a local, county or state medical, dental, podiatry or optometrical society, any such society itself, a professional standards review organization or an individual when such committee, subcommittee, society, organization or individual is performing any medical or quality assurance review function including the investigation of an incident reported pursuant to section 29.29 of the mental hygiene law, either described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision, required by law, or involving any controversy or dispute between (i) a physician, dentist, podiatrist or optometrist or hospital administrator and a patient concerning the diagnosis, treatment or care of such patient or the fees or charges therefor, or (ii) a physician, dentist, podiatrist or optometrist or hospital administrator and a provider of medical, dental, podiatric or optometrical services concerning any medical or health charges or fees of such physician, dentist, podiatrist or optometrist, or (d) a committee appointed pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred five-j of this chapter to participate in the medical and dental malpractice prevention program, or (e) any individual who participated in the preparation of incident reports required by the department pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred five-l of this chapter, or (f) a committee established to administer a utilization review plan, or a committee having the responsibility of evaluation and improvement of the quality of care rendered, in a health maintenance organization organized under article forty-four of this chapter or article forty-three of the insurance law, including a committee of an individual practice association or medical group acting pursuant to a contract with such a health maintenance organization, shall be liable in damages to any person for any action taken or recommendations made by them within the scope of their function in such capacity provided that (i) such individual has taken action or made recommendations within the scope of their function and without malice, and (ii) in the reasonable belief after reasonable investigation that the act or recommendation was warranted, based upon the facts disclosed;

Neither the proceedings nor the records relating to performance of a medical or a quality assurance review function or participation in a medical and dental malpractice prevention program nor any report required by the department pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred five-l of this chapter described herein, including the investigation of an incident reported pursuant to section 29.29 of the mental hygiene law, shall be subject to disclosure under article thirty-one of the civil practice law and rules except as hereinafter provided or as provided by any other provision of law. No person in attendance at a

meeting when a medical or a quality assurance review or a medical and dental malpractice prevention program or an incident reporting function described herein was performed, including the investigation of an incident reported pursuant to section 29.29 of the mental hygiene law, shall be required to testify as to what transpired thereat. The prohibition relating to discovery of testimony shall not apply to the statements made by any person in attendance at such a meeting who is a party to an action or proceeding the subject matter of which was reviewed at such meeting;

4. This article shall not be construed to affect or prevent the following:

(a) The furnishing of medical assistance in an emergency;

(b) The practice of the religious tenets of any church;

(c) A physician from refusing to perform an act constituting the practice of medicine to which such physician is conscientiously opposed by reason of religious training and belief;

(d) The organization of a medical corporation under article forty-four of this chapter, the organization of a university faculty practice corporation under section fourteen hundred twelve of the not-for-profit corporation law or the organization of a professional service corporation under article fifteen of the business corporation law;

(e) The physician's use of whatever medical care, conventional or non-conventional, which effectively treats human disease, pain, injury, deformity or physical condition;

5. There shall be no monetary liability on the part of, and no cause of action for damages shall arise against, any person, partnership, corporation, firm, society, or other entity on account of the communication of information in the possession of such person or entity, or on account of any recommendation or evaluation, regarding the qualifications, fitness, or professional conduct or practices of a physician, to any governmental agency, medical or specialists society, a hospital as defined in article twenty-eight of this chapter, a hospital as defined in subdivision ten of section 1.03 of the mental hygiene law, or a health maintenance organization organized under article forty-four of this chapter or article forty-three of the insurance law, including a committee of an individual practice association or medical group pursuant to a contract with a health maintenance organization. The foregoing shall not apply to information which is untrue and communicated with malicious intent;

6. A licensed physician may prescribe and order a non-patient specific regimen to a registered professional nurse, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent with this chapter, for:

(a) administering immunizations;

(b) the emergency treatment of anaphylaxis;

(c) administering purified protein derivative (PPD) tests or other tests to detect or screen for tuberculosis infections;

(d) administering tests to determine the presence of the human immunodeficiency virus;

(e) administering tests to determine the presence of the hepatitis C virus;

(f) the urgent or emergency treatment of opioid related overdose or suspected opioid related overdose;

(g) screening of persons at increased risk of syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia;

(h) administering tests to determine the presence of COVID-19 or its antibodies or influenza virus;

(i) administering electrocardiogram tests to detect signs and symptoms of acute coronary syndrome;

(j) administering point-of-care blood glucose tests to evaluate acute mental status changes in persons with suspected hypoglycemia;

(k) administering tests and intravenous lines to persons that meet severe sepsis and septic shock criteria; and

(l) administering tests to determine pregnancy;

7. A licensed physician may prescribe and order a patient specific order or non-patient-specific regimen to a licensed pharmacist, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent with this chapter, for: (a) administering immunizations to prevent influenza to patients two years of age or older; and (b) administering immunizations to prevent pneumococcal, acute herpes zoster, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, human papillomavirus, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, COVID-19, meningococcal, tetanus, diphtheria or pertussis disease and medications required for emergency treatment of anaphylaxis to patients eighteen years of age or older; and (c) administering other immunizations recommended by the advisory committee on immunization practices of the centers for disease control and prevention for patients eighteen years of age or older if the commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of education, determines that an immunization: (i)(A) may be safely administered by a licensed pharmacist within their lawful scope of practice; and (B) is needed to prevent the transmission of a reportable communicable disease that is prevalent in New York state; or (ii) is a recommended immunization for such patients who: (A) meet age requirements, (B) lack documentation of such immunization, (C) lack evidence of past infection, or (D) have an additional risk factor or another indication as recommended by the advisory committee on immunization practices of the centers for disease control and prevention. Nothing in this subdivision shall authorize unlicensed persons to administer immunizations, vaccines or other drugs;

8. A licensed physician may prescribe and order a patient specific order or non-patient specific order to a licensed pharmacist, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner of education in consultation with the commissioner, and consistent with this chapter and section sixty-eight hundred one of title eight of the education law, for dispensing up to a seven day starter pack of HIV post-exposure prophylaxis for the purpose of preventing human immunodeficiency virus infection following a potential human immunodeficiency virus exposure;

9. Nothing in this article or article one hundred thirty of the education law shall prohibit the provision of psychotherapy as defined in subdivision two of section eighty-four hundred one of title eight of the education law to the extent permissible within the scope of practice of medicine, by any not-for-profit corporation or education corporation providing services within the state of New York and operating under a waiver pursuant to section sixty-five hundred three-a of title eight of the education law, provided that such entities offering psychotherapy services shall only provide such services through an individual appropriately licensed or otherwise authorized to provide such services or a professional entity authorized by law to provide such services;

10. (a) Nothing in this article nor article one hundred thirty-one of the education law shall be construed to affect or prevent a person in training or trained and deemed qualified by a supervising licensed physician, to assist the licensed physician in the care of a patient for the purpose of instilling mydriatic or cycloplegic eye drops and anesthetic eye drops in conjunction with such dilating drops to the surface

of the eye of a patient, provided that the person instilling such eye drops is:

(i) under the on-site supervision of a supervising licensed physician;

(ii) at least eighteen years of age; and

(iii) complies with standards issued by the department;

(b) The supervising licensed physician shall submit a form prescribed by the department detailing the identity of each person instilling mydriatic or cycloplegic eye drops and anesthetic eye drops in conjunction with such dilating drops to the surface of the eye of a patient, under their supervision, attesting to compliance with the above requirements; and

(c) The supervising licensed physician's use of any such person pursuant to the terms of this subdivision shall be undertaken with professional judgment in order to ensure the safety and well-being of the patient. Such use shall subject the licensed physician to the full disciplinary and regulatory authority of the office of professional medical conduct. The licensed physician must notify the patient or the patient's designated health care surrogate that the licensed physician may utilize the services of an individual to administer certain eye drops and must provide the patient or the patient's designated health care surrogate the opportunity to refuse the licensed physician's plan to utilize such person;

11. A licensed physician may prescribe and order a non-patient specific regimen to a licensed pharmacist, for insulin and related supplies pursuant to section sixty-eight hundred one of title eight of the education law; and

12. A licensed physician may prescribe and order a non-patient specific order to a pharmacist licensed and located in the state, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent with section sixty-eight hundred one of title eight of the education law, for dispensing self-administered hormonal contraceptives as defined in section sixty-eight hundred two of title eight of the education law.

§ 6. Section 6542 of the education law is REPEALED.

§ 7. Section 6545 of the education law is REPEALED.

§ 8. Subdivision 1 of section 3701 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 48 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

1. to promulgate regulations defining and restricting the duties [~~which may be assigned to~~] of physician assistants [~~by their supervising physician, the degree of supervision required and the manner in which such duties may be performed~~] consistent with section thirty-seven hundred two of this article;

§ 9. Section 3702 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 48 of the laws of 2012, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 520 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3702. Special provisions. 1. Emergency treatment. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of any general, special or local law, any physician assistant properly licensed in this state who voluntarily and without the expectation of monetary compensation renders first aid or emergency treatment at the scene of an accident or other emergency, outside a hospital, doctor's office or any other place having proper and necessary medical equipment, to a person who is unconscious, ill or injured, shall not be liable for damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by such person or for damages for the death of such person alleged to have occurred by reason of an act or omission in the rendering of such first aid or emergency treatment unless it is estab-

lished that such injuries were or such death was caused by gross negligence on the part of such physician assistant. Nothing in this section shall be deemed or construed to relieve a licensed physician assistant from liability for damages for injuries or death caused by an act or omission on the part of a physician assistant while rendering professional services in the normal and ordinary course of their practice.

2. Supervision. (a) A physician assistant may perform medical services only when under the supervision of a physician and only when such acts and duties as are assigned to such physician assistant are within the scope of practice of such supervising physician.

(b) Supervision shall be continuous but shall not be construed as necessarily requiring the physical presence of the supervising physician at the time and place where such services are performed.

(c) No physician shall employ or supervise more than six physician assistants in such physician's private practice at one time.

(d) Nothing in this subdivision shall prohibit a hospital from employing physician assistants provided, that they work under the supervision of a physician designated by the hospital and not beyond the scope of practice of such physician. The numerical limitation of paragraph (c) of this subdivision shall not apply to services performed in a hospital.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subdivision, nothing shall prohibit a physician employed by or rendering services to the department of corrections and community supervision under contract from supervising no more than eight physician assistants in such physician's practice for the department of corrections and community supervision at one time.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a trainee in an approved program may perform medical services when such services are performed within the scope of such program.

4. A physician assistant may prescribe and order a non-patient specific regimen to a registered professional nurse pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner for:

(a) administering immunizations;

(b) the emergency treatment of anaphylaxis;

(c) administering purified protein derived (PPD) tests or other tests to detect or screen for tuberculosis infections;

(d) administering tests to determine the presence of the human immunodeficiency virus;

(e) administering tests to determine the presence of the hepatitis C virus;

(f) the urgent or emergency treatment of opioid related overdose or suspected opioid related overdose;

(g) screening of persons at increased risk of syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia;

(h) administering electrocardiogram tests to detect signs and symptoms of acute coronary syndrome;

(i) administering point-of-care blood glucose tests to evaluate acute mental status changes in persons with suspected hypoglycemia;

(j) administering tests and intravenous lines to persons that meet severe sepsis and septic shock criteria;

(k) administering tests to determine pregnancy; and

(l) administering tests to determine the presence of COVID-19 or its antibodies or influenza virus.

5. Inpatient medical orders. A licensed physician assistant employed or extended privileges by a hospital may, if permissible under the bylaws, rules and regulations of the hospital, write medical orders,

including those for controlled substances and durable medical equipment, for inpatients under the care of the physician responsible for the supervision of such physician assistant. Countersignature of such orders may be required if deemed necessary and appropriate by the supervising physician or the hospital, but in no event shall countersignature be required prior to execution.

[~~2.~~] 6. Withdrawing blood. A licensed physician assistant or certified nurse practitioner acting within [~~his or her~~] such physician assistant's or certified nurse practitioner's lawful scope of practice may supervise and direct the withdrawal of blood for the purpose of determining the alcoholic or drug content therein under subparagraph one of paragraph (a) of subdivision four of section eleven hundred ninety-four of the vehicle and traffic law, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in clause (ii) of such subparagraph.

[~~3.~~] 7. Prescriptions for controlled substances. A licensed physician assistant, in good faith and acting within [~~his or her~~] such physician assistant's lawful scope of practice, and to the extent assigned by [~~his or her~~] the supervising physician, may prescribe controlled substances as a practitioner under article thirty-three of this chapter[~~,~~] to patients under the care of such physician responsible for [~~his or her~~] such physician assistant's supervision. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of education, may promulgate such regulations as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

8. Nothing in this article, or in article one hundred thirty-one-b of the education law, shall be construed to authorize physician assistants to perform those specific functions and duties specifically delegated by law to those persons licensed as allied health professionals under this chapter or the education law.

9. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate and update regulations pursuant to this section.

§ 10. Section 6549 of the education law is REPEALED.

§ 11. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3712 to read as follows:

§ 3712. Supervision. 1. A specialist assistant may perform medical services, but only when under the supervision of a physician and only when such acts and duties as are assigned to them are related to the designated medical specialty for which they are registered and are within the scope of practice of their supervising physician.

2. Supervision shall be continuous but shall not be construed as necessarily requiring the physical presence of the supervising physician at the time and place where such services are performed.

3. No physician shall employ or supervise more than two specialist assistants in their private practice.

4. Nothing in this article shall prohibit a hospital from employing specialist assistants provided they work under the supervision of a physician designated by the hospital and not beyond the scope of practice of such physician. The numerical limitation of subdivision three of this section shall not apply to services performed in a hospital.

5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, nothing shall prohibit a physician employed by or rendering services to the department of correctional services under contract from supervising no more than four specialist assistants in their practice for the department of corrections and community supervision.

6. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a trainee in an approved program may perform medical services when such services are performed within the scope of such program.

7. Nothing in this article shall be construed to authorize specialist assistants to perform those specific functions and duties specifically delegated by law to those persons licensed as allied health professionals under this chapter or the education law.

§ 12. Paragraph (a) of section 1501 of the business corporation law, as amended by chapter 9 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(a) "licensing authority" means the **department of health in the case of the profession of medicine and the** regents of the university of the state of New York or the state education department, as the case may be, in the case of all **other** professions licensed under title eight of the education law, and the appropriate appellate division of the supreme court in the case of the profession of law.

§ 13. Paragraph (d) of section 1503 of the business corporation law, as amended by chapter 550 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

(d) A professional service corporation, including a design professional service corporation, other than a corporation authorized to practice law, shall be under the supervision of the regents of the university of the state of New York and be subject to disciplinary proceedings and penalties, and its certificate of incorporation shall be subject to suspension, revocation or annulment for cause, in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided with respect to individuals and their licenses, certificates, and registrations in title eight of the education law relating to the applicable profession. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, a professional service corporation authorized to practice medicine shall be [~~subject to the prehearing procedures and hearing procedures as is provided with respect to individual physicians and their licenses~~] **under the supervision of the department of health and be subject to disciplinary proceedings and penalties, and its certificate of incorporation shall be subject to suspension, revocation or annulment for cause, in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided with respect to individuals and their licenses, certificates, and registrations** in title II-A of article two of the public health law.

§ 14. Section 1515 of the business corporation law, as added by chapter 974 of the laws of 1970, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1515. Regulation of professions.

This article shall not repeal, modify or restrict any provision of the education law**, the public health law,** or the judiciary law regulating the professions referred to therein except to the extent in conflict herewith.

§ 15. Paragraph (a) of section 1525 of the business corporation law, as added by chapter 505 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as follows:

(a) "Licensing authority" means the **department of health in the case of the profession of medicine and the** regents of the university of the state of New York or the state education department, as the case may be, in the case of all **other** professions licensed under title eight of the education law, and the appropriate appellate division of the supreme court in the case of the profession of law.

§ 16. Paragraph (c) of section 1530 of the business corporation law, as added by chapter 505 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The fee for filing the application for authority shall be two hundred dollars, payable to the department of state, and the fee for a

certificate of authority issued by the state education department **or the department of health** shall be fifty dollars.

§ 17. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 1532 of the business corporation law, as added by chapter 505 of the laws of 1983, are amended to read as follows:

(a) This article shall not repeal, modify or restrict any provision of the education law**, the public health law,** or the judiciary law or any rules or regulations adopted thereunder regulating the professions referred to therein except to the extent in conflict herewith.

(b) A foreign professional service corporation, other than a foreign professional service corporation authorized to practice law, shall be under the supervision of the regents of the university of the state of New York and be subject to disciplinary proceedings and penalties, and its authority to do business shall be subject to suspension, revocation or annulment for cause, in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided with respect to individuals and their licenses, certificates, and registrations in title eight of the education law relating to the applicable profession. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, a foreign professional service corporation authorized to practice medicine shall be [~~subject to the prehearing procedures and hearing procedures as is provided with respect to individual physicians and their licenses~~] **under the supervision of the department of health and be subject to disciplinary proceedings and penalties, and its certificate of incorporation shall be subject to suspension, revocation or annulment for cause, in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided with respect to individuals and their licenses, certificates, and registrations** in Title II-A of article two of the public health law.

§ 18. Subdivision (a) of section 1201 of the limited liability company law is amended to read as follows:

(a) "Licensing authority" means the **department of health in the case of the profession of medicine and the** regents of the university of the state of New York or the state education department, as the case may be, in the case of all **other** professions licensed under title eight of the education law, and the appropriate appellate division of the supreme court in the case of the profession of law.

§ 19. Subdivision (d) of section 1203 of the limited liability company law is amended to read as follows:

(d) A professional service limited liability company, other than a professional service limited liability company authorized to practice **medicine or** law, shall be under the supervision of the regents of the university of the state of New York and be subject to disciplinary proceedings and penalties, and its articles of organization shall be subject to suspension, revocation or annulment for cause, in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided with respect to individuals and their licenses, certificates and registrations in title eight of the education law relating to the applicable profession. [~~Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, a~~] **A** professional service limited liability company authorized to practice medicine shall be [~~subject to the pre-hearing procedures and hearing procedures as are~~] **under the supervision of the department of health and be subject to disciplinary proceedings and penalties, and its articles of organization shall be subject to suspension, revocation, or annulment for cause, in the same manner and to the same extent as is** provided with respect to individual physicians and their licenses in Title II-A of article two of the public health law.

§ 20. Section 1215 of the limited liability company law is amended to read as follows:

§ 1215. Regulation of professions. This article shall not repeal, modify or restrict any provision of the education law**, the public health law,** or the judiciary law or any rules or regulations adopted thereunder regulating the professions referred to in the education law**, the public health law,** or the judiciary law except to the extent in conflict herewith.

§ 21. Subdivision (b) of section 1301 of the limited liability company law is amended to read as follows:

(b) "Licensing authority" means the **department of health in the case of the profession of medicine and the** regents of the university of the state of New York or the state education department, as the case may be, in the case of all **other** professions licensed under title eight of the education law, and the appropriate appellate division of the supreme court in the case of the profession of law.

§ 22. Subdivision (c) of section 1306 of the limited liability company law is amended to read as follows:

(c) The fee for filing the application for authority shall be two hundred dollars, payable to the department of state, and the fee for a certificate of authority issued by the state education department **or the department of health** shall be fifty dollars.

§ 23. Subdivisions (a) and (b) of section 1308 of the limited liability company law are amended to read as follows:

(a) This article shall not repeal, modify or restrict any provision of the education law**, the public health law,** or the judiciary law or any rules or regulations adopted thereunder regulating the professions referred to in the education law**, the public health law,** or the judiciary law except to the extent in conflict herewith.

(b) A foreign professional service limited liability company, other than a foreign professional service limited liability company authorized to practice **medicine or** law, shall be under the supervision of the regents of the university of the state of New York and be subject to disciplinary proceedings and penalties, and its authority to do business shall be subject to suspension, revocation or annulment for cause, in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided with respect to individuals and their licenses, certificates and registrations in title eight of the education law relating to the applicable profession. [~~**Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, a**~~] **A** foreign professional service limited liability company authorized to practice medicine shall be [~~**subject to the pre-hearing procedures and hearing procedures as are provided with respect to individual physicians and their licenses**~~] **under the supervision of the department of health and be subject to disciplinary proceedings and penalties, and its authority to do business shall be subject to suspension, revocation or annulment for cause, in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided with respect to individuals and their licenses, certificates and registrations** in Title II-A of article two of the public health law.

§ 24. The tenth, fourteenth and sixteenth undesignated paragraphs of section 2 of the partnership law, the tenth and sixteenth undesignated paragraphs as added by chapter 576 of the laws of 1994, and the fourteenth undesignated paragraph as amended by chapter 475 of the laws of 2014, are amended to read as follows:

"Licensing authority" means the **department of health in the case of the profession of medicine and the** regents of the university of the state of New York or the state education department, as the case may be,

in the case of all **other** professions licensed under title eight of the education law, and the appropriate appellate division of the supreme court in the case of the profession of law.

"Professional partnership" means (1) a partnership without limited partners each of whose partners is a professional authorized by law to render a professional service within this state, (2) a partnership without limited partners each of whose partners is a professional, at least one of whom is authorized by law to render a professional service within this state or (3) a partnership without limited partners authorized by, or holding a license, certificate, registration or permit issued by the licensing authority [~~pursuant to the education law~~] to render a professional service within this state; except that all partners of a professional partnership that provides medical services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 131 of the education law to practice medicine in this state and all partners of a professional partnership that provides dental services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 133 of the education law to practice dentistry in this state; and further except that all partners of a professional partnership that provides professional engineering, land surveying, geologic, architectural and/or landscape architectural services in this state must be licensed pursuant to article 145, article 147 and/or article 148 of the education law to practice one or more of such professions in this state.

"Professional service corporation" means (i) a corporation organized under article fifteen of the business corporation law and (ii) any other corporation organized under the business corporation law or any predecessor statute, which is authorized by, or holds a license, certificate, registration or permit issued by, the licensing authority [~~pursuant to the education law~~] to render professional services within this state.

§ 25. Subdivisions (m) and (o) of section 121-1500 of the partnership law, as added by chapter 576 of the laws of 1994, are amended to read as follows:

(m) A registered limited liability partnership, other than a registered limited liability partnership authorized to practice **medicine or** law, shall be under the supervision of the regents of the university of the state of New York and be subject to disciplinary proceedings and penalties in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided with respect to individuals and their licenses, certificates and registrations in title eight of the education law relating to the applicable profession. [~~Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, a~~] **A** registered limited liability partnership authorized to practice medicine shall be [~~subject to the pre-hearing procedures and hearing procedures as are~~] **under the supervision of the department of health and be subject to disciplinary proceedings and penalties in the same manner and to the same extent as is** provided with respect to individual physicians and their licenses in title two-A of article two of the public health law. In addition to rendering the professional service or services the partners are authorized to practice in this state, a registered limited liability partnership may carry on, or conduct or transact any other business or activities as to which a partnership without limited partners may be formed. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a registered limited liability partnership (i) authorized to practice law may only engage in another profession or business or activities or (ii) which is engaged in a profession or other business or activities other than law may only engage in the practice of law, to the extent not prohibited by any other law of this state or any rule adopted by the appropriate appellate division of the supreme court or the court of

appeals. Any registered limited liability partnership may invest its funds in real estate, mortgages, stocks, bonds or any other types of investments.

(o) This section shall not repeal, modify or restrict any provision of the education law**, the public health law,** or the judiciary law or any rules or regulations adopted thereunder regulating the professions referred to in the education law**, the public health law,** or the judiciary law except to the extent in conflict herewith.

§ 26. Subdivisions (n) and (p) of section 121-1502 of the partnership law, as added by chapter 576 of the laws of 1994, are amended to read as follows:

(n) A foreign limited liability partnership, other than a foreign limited liability partnership authorized to practice **medicine or** law, shall be under the supervision of the regents of the university of the state of New York and be subject to disciplinary proceedings and penalties in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided with respect to individuals and their licenses, certificates and registrations in title eight of the education law relating to the applicable profession. [~~Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, a~~] **A** foreign limited liability partnership authorized to practice medicine shall be [~~subject to the pre-hearing procedures and hearing procedures as are~~] **under the supervision of the department of health and be subject to disciplinary proceedings and penalties in the same manner and to the same extent as is** provided with respect to individual physicians and their licenses in title two-A of article two of the public health law. No foreign limited liability partnership shall engage in any profession or carry on, or conduct or transact any other business or activities in this state other than the rendering of the professional services or the carrying on, or conducting or transacting of any other business or activities for which it is formed and is authorized to do business in this state; provided that such foreign limited liability partnership may invest its funds in real estate, mortgages, stocks, bonds or any other type of investments; provided, further, that a foreign limited liability partnership (i) authorized to practice law may only engage in another profession or other business or activities in this state or (ii) which is engaged in a profession or other business or activities other than law may only engage in the practice of law in this state, to the extent not prohibited by any other law of this state or any rule adopted by the appropriate appellate division of the supreme court or the court of appeals.

(p) This section shall not repeal, modify or restrict any provision of the education law**, the public health law,** or the judiciary law or any rules or regulations adopted thereunder regulating the professions referred to in the education law**, the public health law,** or the judiciary law except to the extent in conflict herewith.

§ 27. Subdivision 3-a of section 6502 of the education law, as amended by chapter 599 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

3-a. Prior to issuing any registration pursuant to this section and section sixty-five hundred twenty-four of this chapter, the department shall request and review any information relating to an applicant which reasonably appears to relate to professional misconduct in [~~his or her~~] **the applicant's** professional practice in this and any other jurisdiction. The department shall advise the director of the office of professional medical conduct in the department of health of any information about an applicant which reasonably appears to be professional misconduct as defined in sections [~~sixty-five hundred thirty and sixty-five~~

~~hundred thirty-one of this chapter~~] two hundred thirty-e, two hundred thirty-f and two hundred thirty-g of the public health law, within seven days of its discovery. The registration or re-registration of such applicant shall not be delayed for a period exceeding thirty days unless the director finds a basis for recommending summary action pursuant to subdivision twelve of section two hundred thirty of the public health law after consultation with a committee on professional conduct of the state board for professional medical conduct, if warranted. Re-registration shall be issued if the commissioner of health fails to issue a summary order pursuant to subdivision twelve of section two hundred thirty of the public health law within ninety days of notice by the department pursuant to this subdivision. Re-registration shall be denied if the commissioner of health issues a summary order pursuant to subdivision twelve of section two hundred thirty of the public health law.

§ 28. Subdivisions 1 and 9 of section 6506 of the education law, as amended by chapter 606 of the laws of 1991, are amended to read as follows:

(1) Promulgate rules, except that no rule shall be promulgated concerning [~~article 131-A of this chapter~~] the definitions of professional misconduct applicable to physicians, physician's assistants and specialist's assistants;

(9) Establish by rule, standards of conduct with respect to advertising, fee splitting, practicing under a name other than that of the individual licensee (when not specifically authorized), proper use of academic or professional degrees or titles tending to imply professional status, and such other ethical practices as such board shall deem necessary, except that no rule shall be established concerning [~~article 131-A of this chapter~~] the definitions of professional misconduct applicable to physicians, physician's assistants and specialist's assistants; and

§ 29. Paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 6507 of the education law, as amended by chapter 606 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

a. Promulgate regulations, except that no regulations shall be promulgated concerning [~~article 131-A of this chapter~~] the definitions of professional misconduct applicable to physicians, physician's assistants and specialist's assistants;

§ 30. Subdivision 1 of section 6514 of the education law, as amended by chapter 606 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

1. All alleged violations of sections sixty-five hundred twelve or sixty-five hundred thirteen of this article shall be reported to the department which shall cause an investigation to be instituted. All alleged violations of section [~~sixty-five hundred thirty-one of the education law~~] two hundred thirty-e of the public health law shall be reported to the department of health which shall cause an investigation to be instituted. If the investigation substantiates that violations exist, such violations shall be reported to the attorney general with a request for prosecution.

§ 31. Subdivisions 1, 9-b, 9-c, subparagraph (i-a) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 10, item 2 of clause (d) of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (h) of subdivision 10, paragraph (p) of subdivision 10, paragraph (a) of subdivision 11, subdivision 13, and paragraph (c) of subdivision 17 of section 230 of the public health law, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 537 of the laws of 1998, subdivision 9-b as amended by chapter 11 of the laws of 2015, subdivision 9-c as amended by chapter 694 of the laws of 2025, subparagraph (i-a) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 10 as added by chapter 220 of the laws of 2022, item 2 of clause (d) of subparagraph

(ii) of paragraph (h) of subdivision 10 as amended by chapter 477 of the laws of 2008, paragraph (p) of subdivision 10 as amended by chapter 599 and paragraph (a) of subdivision 11 as amended by chapter 627 of the laws of 1996, and subdivision 13 as added and paragraph (c) of subdivision 17 as amended by chapter 606 of the laws of 1991, are amended to read as follows:

1. A state board for professional medical conduct is hereby created in the department in matters of professional misconduct as defined in [~~sections sixty-five hundred thirty and sixty-five hundred thirty-one of the education law~~] this title. Its physician members shall be appointed by the commissioner at least eighty-five percent of whom shall be from among nominations submitted by the medical society of the state of New York, the New York state osteopathic society, the New York academy of medicine, county medical societies, statewide specialty societies recognized by the council of medical specialty societies, and the hospital association of New York state. Its lay members shall be appointed by the commissioner with the approval of the governor. The board of regents shall also appoint twenty percent of the members of the board. Not less than sixty-seven percent of the members appointed by the board of regents shall be physicians. Not less than eighty-five percent of the physician members appointed by the board of regents shall be from among nominations submitted by the medical society of the state of New York, the New York state osteopathic society, the New York academy of medicine, county medical societies, statewide medical societies recognized by the council of medical specialty societies, and the hospital association of New York state. Any failure to meet the percentage thresholds stated in this subdivision shall not be grounds for invalidating any action by or on authority of the board for professional medical conduct or a committee or a member thereof. The board for professional medical conduct shall consist of not fewer than eighteen physicians licensed in the state for at least five years, two of whom shall be doctors of osteopathy, not fewer than two of whom shall be physicians who dedicate a significant portion of their practice to the use of non-conventional medical treatments who may be nominated by New York state medical associations dedicated to the advancement of such treatments, at least one of whom shall have expertise in palliative care, and not fewer than seven lay members. An executive secretary shall be appointed by the chairperson and shall be a licensed physician. Such executive secretary shall not be a member of the board, shall hold office at the pleasure of, and shall have the powers and duties assigned and the annual salary fixed by, the chairperson. The chairperson shall also assign such secretaries or other persons to the board as are necessary.

9-b. Neither the board for professional medical conduct nor the office of professional medical conduct shall charge a licensee with misconduct as defined in [~~sections sixty-five hundred thirty and sixty-five hundred thirty-one of the education law~~] this title, or cause a report made to the director of such office to be investigated beyond a preliminary review as set forth in clause (A) of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision ten of this section, where such report is determined to be based solely upon the recommendation or provision of a treatment modality to a particular patient by such licensee that is not universally accepted by the medical profession, including but not limited to, varying modalities used in the treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases. When a licensee, acting in accordance with [~~paragraph e of subdivision four of~~] section [~~sixty-five hundred twenty-seven of the education law~~] thirty-seven hundred fifty-one of this

chapter, recommends or provides a treatment modality that effectively treats human disease, pain, injury, deformity or physical condition for which the licensee is treating a patient, the recommendation or provision of that modality to a particular patient shall not, by itself, constitute professional misconduct. The licensee shall otherwise abide by all other applicable professional requirements.

9-c. (a) Neither the board for professional medical conduct nor the office of professional medical conduct shall charge a licensee, acting within their scope of practice, with misconduct as defined in [~~sections sixty-five hundred thirty and sixty-five hundred thirty-one of the education law~~] this title, or cause a report made to the director of such office to be investigated beyond a preliminary review as set forth in clause (A) of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision ten of this section, where such report is determined to be based solely upon any legally protected health activity, as defined by section 570.17 of the criminal procedure law.

(b) When a licensee, acting within their scope of practice, and in accordance with paragraph e of subdivision four of section [~~sixty-five hundred twenty-seven of the education law~~] thirty-seven hundred fifty-one of this chapter, [~~performs, recommends or provides any reproductive health services or gender-affirming care for a patient who resides in a state wherein the performance, recommendation, or provision of any such reproductive health services or gender-affirming care is illegal, such performance, recommendation, or provision of such reproductive health services or gender-affirming care for such patient, shall not, by itself, constitute professional misconduct~~] engages in legally protected health activity, as defined by section 570.17 of the criminal procedure law, such legally protected activity shall not, by itself, constitute professional misconduct. The licensee shall otherwise abide by all other applicable professional requirements.

(i-a) The director shall, in addition to the determination required by clause (A) of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, determine if a report is based solely upon conduct which is otherwise permissible pursuant to section [~~sixty-five hundred thirty-one-b of the education law~~] two hundred thirty-h of this title and subdivision nine-c of this section, and upon a determination by the director that a report is based solely upon such permissible conduct, no further review shall be conducted and no charges shall be brought. Nothing in this section shall preclude the director from making such a determination earlier in, or subsequent to, a preliminary review.

(2) make arrangements for the transfer and maintenance of the medical records of [~~his or her~~] their former patients. Records shall be either transferred to the licensee's former patients consistent with the provisions of sections seventeen and eighteen of this chapter or to another physician or health care practitioner as provided in clause (1) of this subparagraph who shall expressly assume responsibility for their care and maintenance and for providing access to such records, as provided in subdivisions twenty-two and [~~thirty-two of section sixty-five hundred thirty of the education law~~] thirty-three of section two hundred thirty-e of this title, the rules of the board of regents or the regulations of the commissioner of education and sections seventeen and eighteen of this chapter. When records are not transferred to the licensee's former patients or to another physician or health care practitioner, the licensee whose license has been revoked, annulled, surrendered, suspended or restricted shall remain responsible for the care and maintenance of the medical records of [~~his or her~~] their former patients

and shall be subject to additional proceedings pursuant to subdivisions twenty-two, [~~thirty-two~~] thirty-three and [~~forty~~] forty-one of section [~~sixty-five hundred thirty of the education law~~] two hundred thirty-e of this title in the event that the licensee fails to maintain those medical records or fails to make them available to a former patient.

(p) Convictions of crimes or administrative violations. In cases of professional misconduct based solely upon a violation of subdivision nine of section [~~sixty-five hundred thirty of the education law~~] two hundred thirty-e of this title, the director may direct that charges be prepared and served and may refer the matter to a committee on professional conduct for its review and report of findings, conclusions as to guilt, and determination. In such cases, the notice of hearing shall state that the licensee shall file a written answer to each of the charges and allegations in the statement of charges no later than ten days prior to the hearing, and that any charge or allegation not so answered shall be deemed admitted, that the licensee may wish to seek the advice of counsel prior to filing such answer that the licensee may file a brief and affidavits with the committee on professional conduct, that the licensee may appear personally before the committee on professional conduct, may be represented by counsel and may present evidence or sworn testimony in [~~his or her~~] their behalf, and the notice may contain such other information as may be considered appropriate by the director. The department may also present evidence or sworn testimony and file a brief at the hearing. A stenographic record of the hearing shall be made. Such evidence or sworn testimony offered to the committee on professional conduct shall be strictly limited to evidence and testimony relating to the nature and severity of the penalty to be imposed upon the licensee. Where the charges are based on the conviction of state law crimes in other jurisdictions, evidence may be offered to the committee which would show that the conviction would not be a crime in New York state. The committee on professional conduct may reasonably limit the number of witnesses whose testimony will be received and the length of time any witness will be permitted to testify. The determination of the committee shall be served upon the licensee and the department in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (h) of this subdivision. A determination pursuant to this subdivision may be reviewed by the administrative review board for professional medical conduct.

(a) The medical society of the state of New York, the New York state osteopathic society or any district osteopathic society, any statewide medical specialty society or organization, and every county medical society, every person licensed pursuant to articles one hundred thirty-one, one hundred thirty-one-B, one hundred thirty-three, one hundred thirty-seven and one hundred thirty-nine of the education law, and the chief executive officer, the chief of the medical staff and the chairperson of each department of every institution which is established pursuant to article twenty-eight of this chapter and a comprehensive health services plan pursuant to article forty-four of this chapter or article forty-three of the insurance law, shall, and any other person may, report to the board any information which such person, medical society, organization, institution or plan has which reasonably appears to show that a licensee is guilty of professional misconduct as defined in [~~sections sixty-five hundred thirty and sixty-five hundred thirty-one of the education law~~] this title. Such reports shall remain confidential and shall not be admitted into evidence in any administrative or judicial proceeding except that the board, its staff, or the members of its

committees may begin investigations on the basis of such reports and may use them to develop further information.

13. (a) Temporary surrender. The license and registration of a licensee who may be temporarily incapacitated for the active practice of medicine and whose alleged incapacity has not resulted in harm to a patient may be voluntarily surrendered to the board for professional medical conduct, which may accept and hold such license during the period of such alleged incapacity or the board for professional medical conduct may accept the surrender of such license after agreement to conditions to be met prior to the restoration of the license. The board shall give prompt written notification of such surrender to the division of professional licensing services of the state education department, and to each hospital at which the licensee has privileges. The licensee whose license is so surrendered shall notify all patients and all persons who request medical services that the licensee has temporarily withdrawn from the practice of medicine. The licensure status of each such licensee shall be "inactive" and the licensee shall not be authorized to practice medicine. The temporary surrender shall not be deemed to be an admission of disability or of professional misconduct, and shall not be used as evidence of a violation of subdivision seven or eight of section [~~sixty-five hundred thirty of the education law~~] two hundred thirty-e of this title unless the licensee practices while the license is "inactive". Any such practice shall constitute a violation of subdivision twelve of section [~~sixty-five hundred thirty of the education law~~] two hundred thirty-e of this title. The surrender of a license under this subdivision shall not bar any disciplinary action except action based solely upon the provisions of subdivision seven or eight of section [~~sixty-five hundred thirty of the education law~~] two hundred thirty-e of this title and where no harm to a patient has resulted, and shall not bar any civil or criminal action or proceeding which might be brought without regard to such surrender. A surrendered license shall be restored upon a showing to the satisfaction of a committee of professional conduct of the state board for professional medical conduct that the licensee is not incapacitated for the active practice of medicine provided, however, that the committee may impose reasonable conditions on the licensee, if it determined that due to the nature and extent of the licensee's former incapacity such conditions are necessary to protect the health of the people. The chairperson of the committee shall issue a restoration order adopting the decision of the committee. Prompt written notification of such restoration shall be given to the division of professional licensing services of the state education department and to all hospitals which were notified of the surrender of the license.

(b) Permanent surrender. The license and registration of a licensee who may be permanently incapacitated for the active practice of medicine, and whose alleged incapacity has not resulted in harm to a patient, may be voluntarily surrendered to the board for professional medical conduct. The board shall give prompt written notification of such surrender to the division of professional licensing services of the state education department, and to each hospital at which the licensee has privileges. The licensee whose license is so surrendered shall notify all patients and all persons who request medical services that the licensee has permanently withdrawn from the practice of medicine. The permanent surrender shall not be deemed to be an admission of disability [~~of~~] or professional misconduct, and shall not be used as evidence of a violation of subdivision seven or eight of section [~~sixty-five hundred thirty of the education law~~] two hundred thirty-e of this title. The

surrender shall not bar any civil or criminal action or proceeding which might be brought without regard to such surrender. There shall be no restoration of a license that has been surrendered pursuant to this subdivision.

(c) If the committee determines that reasonable cause exists as specified in paragraph (a) of this subdivision and that there is insufficient evidence for the matter to constitute misconduct as defined in sections [~~sixty-five hundred thirty and section sixty-five hundred thirty-one of the education law~~] two hundred thirty-e, two hundred thirty-f and two hundred thirty-g of this title, the committee may issue an order directing that the licensee's practice of medicine be monitored for a period specified in the order, which shall in no event exceed one year, by a licensee approved by the director, which may include members of county medical societies or district osteopathic societies designated by the commissioner. The licensee responsible for monitoring the licensee shall submit regular reports to the director. If the licensee refuses to cooperate with the licensee responsible for monitoring or if the monitoring licensee submits a report that the licensee is not practicing medicine with reasonable skill and safety to [~~his or her~~] their patients, the committee may refer the matter to the director for further proceedings pursuant to subdivision ten of this section. An order pursuant to this paragraph shall be kept confidential and shall not be subject to discovery or subpoena, unless the licensee refuses to comply with the order.

§ 32. The opening paragraph of section 230-a of the public health law, as added by chapter 606 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

The penalties which may be imposed by the state board for professional medical conduct on a present or former licensee found guilty of professional misconduct under the definitions and proceedings prescribed in [~~section~~] sections two hundred thirty, two hundred thirty-e and two hundred thirty-f of this title [~~and sections sixty-five hundred thirty and sixty-five hundred thirty-one of the education law~~] are:

§ 33. Section 230-a of the public health law, as added by chapter 786 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:

§ 230-a. Infection control standards. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, [~~including section sixty-five hundred thirty-two of the education law,~~] the department shall promulgate rules or regulations describing scientifically accepted barrier precautions and infection control practices as standards of professional medical conduct for persons licensed under articles one hundred thirty-one and one hundred thirty-one-B of the education law. The department shall consult with the education department to ensure that regulatory standards for scientifically acceptable barrier precautions and infection prevention techniques promulgated pursuant to this section are consistent, as far as appropriate with such standards adopted by the education department applicable to persons licensed under the education law other than articles one hundred thirty-one and one hundred thirty-one-B of such law.

§ 34. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 2803-e of the public health law, as amended by chapter 542 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Hospitals and other facilities approved pursuant to this article shall make a report or cause a report to be made within thirty days of obtaining knowledge of any information which reasonably appears to show that a physician is guilty of professional misconduct as defined in [~~section sixty-five hundred thirty or sixty-five hundred thirty-one of the education law~~] sections two hundred thirty-e, two hundred thirty-f

and two hundred thirty-g of this chapter. A violation of this paragraph shall not be subject to the provisions of section twelve-b of this chapter.

§ 35. Subdivisions 7 of section 2995-a of the public health law, as added by chapter 542 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

7. A physician who knowingly provides materially inaccurate information under this section shall be guilty of professional misconduct pursuant to section [~~sixty-five hundred thirty of the education law~~] two hundred thirty-e of this chapter.

§ 36. Section 2997-l of the public health law, as added by section 20 of part A of chapter 60 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2997-l. Activities. The activities enumerated in section twenty-nine hundred ninety-seven-k of this title shall be undertaken consistent with section twenty-eight hundred five-j of this chapter by a covered health care provider and shall be deemed activities of such program as described in such section and any and all information attributable to such activities shall be subject to provisions of section twenty-eight hundred five-m of this chapter and section [~~sixty-five hundred twenty-seven of the education law~~] thirty-seven hundred fifty-one of this chapter.

§ 37. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 2999-r of the public health law, as amended by chapter 461 of the laws of 2012, are amended to read as follows:

2. With respect to the planning, implementation, and operation of ACOs, the commissioner, by regulation, shall specifically delineate safe harbors that exempt ACOs from the application of the following statutes:

(a) article twenty-two of the general business law relating to arrangements and agreements in restraint of trade;

(b) [~~article one hundred thirty-one-A of the education law~~] title two-A of article two of this chapter relating to fee-splitting arrangements; and

(c) title two-D of article two of this chapter relating to health care practitioner referrals.

3. For the purposes of this article, an ACO shall be deemed to be a hospital for purposes of sections twenty-eight hundred five-j, twenty-eight hundred five-k, twenty-eight hundred five-l and twenty-eight hundred five-m of this chapter and subdivisions three and five of section [~~sixty-five hundred twenty-seven of the education law~~] thirty-seven hundred fifty-one of this chapter.

§ 38. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 2 of section 2999-u of the public health law, as amended by chapter 90 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(d) A PACE organization shall be deemed to be a health maintenance organization under article forty-four of this chapter for purposes of subdivision one of section [~~sixty-five hundred twenty-seven of the education law~~] thirty-seven hundred fifty-one of this chapter.

§ 39. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1-a of section 3515 of the public health law, as added by chapter 536 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Paragraph (a) of this subdivision shall be inapplicable to specialist's assistants registered pursuant to law on the effective date of this subdivision; but such specialist's assistants shall continue to be subject to all of the provisions of section [~~sixty-five hundred thirty of the education law~~] two hundred thirty-e of this chapter.

§ 40. Subdivision 2 of section 490 of the social services law, as added by section 1 of part B of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except as may be provided by section 33.25 of the mental hygiene law, records, reports or other information maintained by the justice center, state oversight agencies, delegate investigatory entities, and facilities and provider agencies regarding the deliberations of an incident review committee shall be confidential, provided that nothing in this article shall be deemed to diminish or otherwise derogate the legal privilege afforded to proceedings, records, reports or other information relating to a quality assurance function, including the investigation of an incident reported pursuant to section 29.29 of the mental hygiene law, as provided in section [~~sixty-five hundred twenty-seven of the education law~~] thirty-seven hundred fifty-one of the public health law. For purposes of this section, a quality assurance function is a process for systematically monitoring and evaluating various aspects of a program, service or facility to ensure that standards of care are being met.

§ 41. Subdivision 1 of section 3000-a of the public health law, as amended by chapter 69 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

1. Except as provided in subdivision six of section six thousand six hundred eleven, [~~subdivision two of section six thousand five hundred twenty-seven,~~] subdivision one of section six thousand nine hundred nine [~~and sections six thousand five hundred forty-seven and~~], section six thousand seven hundred thirty-seven of the education law and section thirty-seven hundred fifty-one of this chapter, any person who voluntarily and without expectation of monetary compensation renders first aid or emergency treatment at the scene of an accident or other emergency outside a hospital, doctor's office or any other place having proper and necessary medical equipment, to a person who is unconscious, ill, or injured, shall not be liable for damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by such person or for damages for the death of such person alleged to have occurred by reason of an act or omission in the rendering of such emergency treatment unless it is established that such injuries were or such death was caused by gross negligence on the part of such person. Nothing in this section shall be deemed or construed to relieve a licensed physician, dentist, nurse, physical therapist or registered physician's assistant from liability for damages for injuries or death caused by an act or omission on the part of such person while rendering professional services in the normal and ordinary course of [~~his or her~~] such person's practice.

§ 42. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 4405-b of the public health law, as amended by chapter 542 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An organization shall make a report to be made to the appropriate professional disciplinary agency within thirty days of obtaining knowledge of any information that reasonably appears to show that a health professional is guilty of professional misconduct as defined in article one hundred thirty [~~or one hundred thirty-one-A~~] of the education law or title two-A of article two of [~~the education law~~] this chapter. A violation of this subdivision shall not be subject to the provisions of section twelve-b of this chapter.

§ 43. Subdivision 2 of section 4702 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 805 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:

2. "Shared health facility" or "facility" means any arrangement wherein four or more practitioners licensed under the provisions of article one hundred thirty-one, [~~one hundred thirty-one-a,~~] one hundred thirty-two, one hundred thirty-three, one hundred thirty-seven, one hundred thirty-nine, one hundred forty-one, one hundred forty-three, one hundred forty-four, one hundred fifty-six or one hundred fifty-nine of the education law **or is subject to title two-A of article two of this chapter**, one or more of whom receives payment under the program and whose total aggregate monthly remuneration from such program is in excess of five thousand dollars for any one month during the preceding twelve months, (a) practice their professions at a common physical location; and (b) share (i) common waiting areas, examining rooms, treatment rooms or other space, or (ii) the services of supporting staff, or (iii) equipment; and (c) a person, whether such person is a practitioner or not, is in charge of, controls, manages or supervises substantial aspects of the arrangement or operation for the delivery of health or medical services at said common physical location, other than the direct furnishing of professional services by the practitioners to their patients, or a person makes available to the practitioners the services of supporting staff who are not employees of the practitioners. "Shared health facility" does not mean or include practitioners practicing their profession as a partnership provided that members of the supporting staff are employees of such legal entity and if there is an office manager, or person with similar title, [~~he is~~] **they are** an employee of the legal entity whose compensation is customary and not excessive for such services and there is no person described in paragraph (c) of this subdivision. "Shared health facility" does not mean or include any entity organized pursuant to the provisions of article twenty-eight of this chapter or operating under a certificate issued pursuant to the provisions of article thirteen of the mental hygiene law; nor shall it mean or include a facility wherein ambulatory medical services are provided by an organized group of physicians pursuant to an arrangement between such group and a health services corporation operating under article forty-three of the insurance law or a health maintenance organization operating under article forty-four of the public health law, and where the health services corporation or the health maintenance organization is reimbursed on a prepaid capitation basis for the provision of health care services under New York state's medical assistance program.

§ 44. Subdivision e of section 20-815 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 17 of the city of New York for the year 2011, is amended to read as follows:

e. "Licensed medical provider" shall mean a person licensed or otherwise authorized under the provisions of articles one hundred thirty-one, [~~one hundred thirty-one-a,~~] one hundred thirty-one-b, one hundred thirty-nine or one hundred forty of the education law of New York **or title two-A of article two of the public health law of New York**, to provide medical services.

§ 45. Transfer of employees. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, upon the transfer of any functions from the state education department to the department of health for the administration, regulation, and control of professional entities established under the business corporation law, the limited liability company law or the partnership law for the provision of medical services, employees performing those functions shall be transferred to the department of health pursuant to subdivision 2 of section 70 of the civil service law. Employees transferred pursuant to this section shall

be transferred without further examination or qualification and shall retain their respective civil service classifications, status and collective bargaining unit designations and collective bargaining agreements.

§ 46. Transfer of records. All books, papers and property of the state education department with respect to the functions, powers and duties transferred by this act are to be delivered to the appropriate offices within the department of health, at such place and time, and in such manner as the department of health requires.

§ 47. Continuity of authority. For the purpose of all functions, powers, duties and obligations of the state education department transferred to and assumed by the department of health, the department of health shall continue the operation of the provisions previously done by the state education department, pursuant to this act.

§ 48. Completion of unfinished business. Any business or other matter undertaken or commenced by the state education department pertaining to or connected with the functions, powers, duties and obligations hereby transferred and assigned to the department of health and pending on the effective date of January 1, 2027 shall be conducted and completed by the department of health in the same manner and under the same terms and conditions and with the same effect as if conducted and completed by the state education department.

§ 49. Continuation of rules and regulations. All rules, regulations, acts, orders, determinations, and decisions of the state education department in force at the time of such transfer and assumption, shall continue in force and effect as rules, regulations, acts, orders, determinations and decisions of the department of health until duly modified or abrogated by the department of health.

§ 50. Terms occurring in laws, contracts and other documents. Whenever the state education department is referred to or designated in any law, contract or document pertaining to the functions, powers, obligations and duties hereby transferred and assigned, such reference or designation shall be deemed to refer to department of health or the commissioner thereof.

§ 51. Existing rights and remedies preserved. No existing right or remedy of any character shall be lost, impaired or affected by reason of this act.

§ 52. Pending actions or proceedings. No action or proceeding pending at the time when this act shall take effect relating to the functions, powers and duties of the state education department transferred pursuant to this act, brought by or against the state education department or board of regents shall be affected by any provision of this act, but the same may be prosecuted or defended in the name of the commissioner of the department of health. In all such actions and proceedings, the commissioner of health, upon application to the court, shall be substituted as a party.

§ 53. Transfer of appropriations heretofore made to the state education department. Upon the transfer pursuant to this act of the functions and powers possessed by and of the obligations and duties of the education department, all appropriations and reappropriations which shall have been made available as of the date of such transfer to the education department, or segregated pursuant to law, to the extent of remaining unexpended or unencumbered balances thereof, whether allocated or unallocated and whether obligated or unobligated, shall be transferred to and made available for use and expenditure by the department of health and shall be payable on vouchers certified or approved by the

commissioner of taxation and finance, on audit and warrant of the comptroller. Payments of liabilities for expenses of personnel services, maintenance and operation which shall have been incurred as of the date of such transfer by the education department, and for liabilities incurred and to be incurred in completing its affairs, shall also be made on vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner of education on audit and warrant of the comptroller.

§ 54. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027, provided, however, that the amendments to paragraph (a) of subdivision 10 of section 230 of the public health law made by section thirty-one of this act shall not affect the expiration of such paragraph and shall be deemed to expire therewith. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.

SUBPART E

Section 1. Subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of section 6542 of the education law, as amended by chapter 520 of the laws of 2024, are amended and two new subdivisions 1-a and 9 are added to read as follows:

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a physician assistant may perform medical services, but only when under the supervision of a physician and only when such acts and duties as are assigned to such physician assistant are within the scope of practice of such supervising physician **unless otherwise permitted by this section**.

1-a. A physician assistant may practice without the supervision of a physician under the following circumstances:

(a) Such physician assistant, licensed under section sixty-five hundred forty-one of this article, has practiced for more than eight thousand hours within the same or a substantially similar specialty that the physician assistant seeks to practice without supervision, and:

(i) is employed by a rural emergency hospital under 42 USC 1395x(kkk), or successor provisions, or a general hospital as defined under article twenty-eight of the public health law, meets the qualifications of the medical staff bylaws of and is credentialed by such rural emergency hospital or general hospital, and such rural emergency hospital or general hospital gives such physician assistant privileges; or

(ii) is employed by a non-surgical diagnostic and treatment center as defined under article twenty-eight of the public health law or primary care practice operating as a professional corporation, professional limited liability company, or professional partnership, and such physician assistant is practicing in primary care, which for the purposes of this paragraph shall mean non-surgical care in the fields of general pediatrics, general adult medicine, general geriatric medicine, general internal medicine, mental health services or psychiatry, gynecology, obstetrics so long as the physician assistant maintains a collaborative relationship with a licensed physician who has obstetric privileges at a general hospital licensed under article twenty-eight of the public health law, family medicine, urgent care, or such other related areas as determined by the commissioner of health.

(b) A physician assistant practicing independently pursuant to this section may perform any of the following functions:

(i) take patient histories;

(ii) perform physical examinations;

(iii) triage patients based on recognition of abnormal vital signs, examination findings, and/or general observations;
(iv) order diagnostic radiology, toxicology, laboratory tests and screenings;
(v) perform federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) waived laboratory tests and screenings;
(vi) interpret reports generated by laboratory testing and diagnostic radiology;
(vii) formulate diagnoses;
(viii) administer clinical interventions with informed consent;
(ix) refer patients to other professionals;
(x) counsel patients and family, guardians and caregivers on preventable conditions and lifestyle modifications, promote early detection and prevention of medical conditions;
(xi) follow best practice immunization standards for every patient population;
(xii) manage end of life and palliative care in accordance with the patient's preferences and autonomy, including advanced directives;
(xiii) formulate and implement treatment plans in accordance with applicable practice guidelines;
(xiv) provide virtual care via telehealth for patients, including conducting assessments and managing acute and chronic conditions remotely to the extent permitted under state and federal telehealth laws;
(xv) provide remote monitoring and follow-up care, utilizing technology to track patient outcomes, medication adherence, and ongoing management of health conditions;
(xvi) prescribe, administer and dispense pharmacological or diagnostic therapies, including controlled substances, and monitor and follow-up of pharmacologic regimens, including assessing patient adherence to prescribed drug regimens and adjusting treatments as necessary to ensure optimal outcomes; or
(xvii) such other functions as the commissioner of health may determine.
(c) In the event that a physician assistant seeks to practice independently in a substantially different specialty within any rural emergency hospital or general hospital, the physician assistant shall complete at least eight thousand hours of practice in such new specialty before such physician assistant may practice without physician supervision pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision.

2. [~~Supervision~~] Where supervision is required by this section, it shall be continuous but shall not be construed as necessarily requiring the physical presence of the supervising physician at the time and place where such services are performed.

3. [~~No~~] Where supervision is required by this section, no physician shall employ or supervise more than six physician assistants in such physician's private practice at one time.

4. Nothing in this article shall prohibit a hospital from employing physician assistants, provided that they work under the supervision of a physician designated by the hospital and not beyond the scope of practice of such physician, where such supervision is required by this section. The numerical limitation of subdivision three of this section shall not apply to services performed in a hospital.

5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, nothing shall prohibit a physician employed by or rendering services to the department of corrections and community supervision under contract from supervising no more than eight physician assistants in such physician's practice for

the department of corrections and community supervision at one time~~,~~ where such supervision is required by this section.

9. The commissioner and the commissioner of health are authorized to promulgate and update regulations pursuant to this section.

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 3701 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 48 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

1. to promulgate regulations defining and restricting the duties [~~which may be assigned to~~] of physician assistants [~~by their supervising physician, the degree of supervision required and the manner in which such duties may be performed~~] consistent with section sixty-five hundred forty-two of the education law;

§ 3. Section 3702 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 48 of the laws of 2012 and subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 520 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3702. Special provisions. 1. Inpatient medical orders. A licensed physician assistant employed or extended privileges by a hospital may, if permissible under the bylaws, rules and regulations of the hospital, write medical orders, including those for controlled substances and durable medical equipment, for inpatients [~~under the care of the physician responsible for the supervision of such physician assistant. Countersignature of such orders may be required if deemed necessary and appropriate by the supervising physician or the hospital, but in no event shall countersignature be required prior to execution~~].

2. Withdrawing blood. A licensed physician assistant or certified nurse practitioner acting within [~~his or her~~] such physician assistant's lawful scope of practice may supervise and direct the withdrawal of blood for the purpose of determining the alcoholic or drug content therein under subparagraph one of paragraph (a) of subdivision four of section eleven hundred ninety-four of the vehicle and traffic law, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in clause (ii) of such subparagraph.

3. Prescriptions for controlled substances. A licensed physician assistant, in good faith and acting within [~~his or her~~] such physician assistant's lawful scope of practice, [~~and to the extent assigned by his or her supervising physician,~~] may prescribe controlled substances as a practitioner under article thirty-three of this chapter[~~,~~]. A physician assistant who is subject to physician supervision, may prescribe controlled substances as a practitioner under article thirty-three of this chapter only to the extent assigned by the supervising physician and only to patients under the care of such physician responsible for [~~his or her~~] supervision. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of education, may promulgate such regulations as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

§ 4. Section 3703 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 48 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3703. Statutory construction. A physician assistant may perform any function in conjunction with a medical service lawfully performed by the physician assistant, in any health care setting, that a statute authorizes or directs a physician to perform and that is appropriate to the education, training and experience of the licensed physician assistant and within the ordinary practice of the supervising physician, as applicable pursuant to section sixty-five hundred forty-two of the education law. This section shall not be construed to increase or decrease the lawful scope of practice of a physician assistant under the education law.

§ 5. Subdivision 27 of section 3302 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 92 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

27. "Practitioner" means:

A physician, **physician assistant,** dentist, podiatrist, veterinarian, scientific investigator, or other person licensed, or otherwise permitted to dispense, administer or conduct research with respect to a controlled substance in the course of a licensed professional practice or research licensed pursuant to this article. Such person shall be deemed a "practitioner" only as to such substances, or conduct relating to such substances, as is permitted by [~~his~~] **their** license, permit or otherwise permitted by law.

§ 6. Paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 902 of the education law, as amended by chapter 376 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

a. The board of education, and the trustee or board of trustees of each school district, shall employ, at a compensation to be agreed upon by the parties, a qualified physician, **a physician assistant,** or a nurse practitioner to the extent authorized by the nurse practice act and consistent with subdivision three of section six thousand nine hundred two of this chapter, to perform the duties of the director of school health services, including any duties conferred on the school physician or school medical inspector under any provision of law, to perform and coordinate the provision of health services in the public schools and to provide health appraisals of students attending the public schools in the city or district. The physicians**, physician assistants,** or nurse practitioners so employed shall be duly licensed pursuant to applicable law.

§ 7. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subdivision 4 of section 4141 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 153 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The medical certificate shall be made, dated, and signed by the physician [~~or~~]**,** nurse practitioner, **or physician assistant,** if any, last in attendance on the deceased.

(c) Any certificate stating the cause of death in terms which the commissioner declares indefinite shall be returned to the physician, nurse practitioner, **physician assistant,** or person making the medical certificate for correction and more definite statement.

§ 8. Section 4141-a of the public health law, as amended by chapter 352 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

§ 4141-a. Death certificate; duties of hospital administrator. When a death occurs in a hospital, except in those cases where certificates are issued by coroners or medical examiners, the person in charge of such hospital or [~~his or her~~] **such person's** designated representative shall promptly present the certificate to the physician [~~or~~]**,** nurse practitioner**, physician assistant** in attendance, or a physician [~~or~~]**,** nurse practitioner**, or physician assistant** acting [~~in his or her~~] **on their** behalf, who shall promptly certify to the facts of death, provide the medical information required by the certificate, sign the medical certificate of death, and thereupon return such certificate to such person, so that the seventy-two hour registration time limit prescribed in section four thousand one hundred forty of this title can be met; provided, however that commencing on or after the implementation date under section forty-one hundred forty-eight of this title, information and signatures required by this section shall be obtained and made in accordance with section forty-one hundred forty-eight of this title.

§ 9. Subdivision (b) of section 4142 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 153 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

(b) present the certificate promptly to the attending physician [~~or~~], nurse practitioner, **or physician assistant** who shall forthwith certify to the facts of death, provide the medical information required by the certificate and sign the medical certificate of death, or to the coroner or medical examiner in those cases where so required by this article or, when a death occurs in a hospital, except in those cases where certificates are issued by coroners or medical examiners, to the person in charge of such hospital or [~~his or her~~] **such person's** designated representative, who shall obtain the medical certificate of death as prescribed in section four thousand one hundred forty-one-a of this title;

§ 10. Subdivision 1 of section 4171 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 153 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

1. Physicians, nurse practitioners, **physician assistants,** nurse-midwives, funeral directors, undertakers and informants, and all other persons having knowledge of the facts, are hereby required to supply, upon a form provided by the commissioner or upon the original certificate, such information as they may possess regarding any birth or death upon demand of the commissioner, in person, by mail, or through the registrar.

§ 11. Subdivisions 1, 3 and 5 of section 4175 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 153 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:

1. If, at any time after the birth, or within one year of the death, of any person within the state, a certified copy of the official record of said birth or death, with the information required to be registered by this article, is necessary for legal, judicial, or other proper purposes, and, after search by the commissioner or [~~his or her~~] **the commissioner's** representatives, it appears that no such certificate of birth or death was made and filed as provided by this article, then the commissioner shall immediately require the physician, nurse practitioner, **physician assistant** or nurse-midwife who, being in attendance upon a birth, failed or neglected to file a certificate thereof, or the funeral director, undertaker, or other person who, having charge of the interment or removal of the body of a deceased person, failed or neglected to file the certificate of death, if [~~he or she~~] **such person** is living, to obtain and file at once with the local registrar such certificate in as complete form as the lapse of time will permit.

3. If the physician, nurse practitioner, **physician assistant,** nurse-midwife, funeral director, or undertaker responsible for the report is deceased or cannot be located, then the person making application for the certified copy of the record may file such certificate of birth or death together with such statements subscribed and affirmed by the persons making them as true under the penalties of perjury and other evidence as the commissioner may require.

5. The delinquent physician, nurse practitioner, **physician assistant,** nurse-midwife, funeral director, undertaker, or other person may, in the discretion of the commissioner, be prosecuted as required by this article, without bar from the statute of limitations, if [~~he or she~~] **such person** neglects or fails to file promptly the certificate required by this section.

§ 12. This act shall take effect two years after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

§ 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or subpart of this part shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of that subpart or this part, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or subpart directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature that this part and each subpart herein would have been enacted even if such invalid provisions had not been included herein.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2026; provided, however, that the applicable effective dates of Subparts A through E of this act shall be as specifically set forth in the last section of such Subparts.

PART O

Section 1. Section 1-c of part I of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022 providing a one percent across the board payment increase to all qualifying fee-for-service Medicaid rates, as added by section 5 of part F of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1-c. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for the period April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 Medicaid payments made for clinic service provided by federally qualified health centers and diagnostic and treatment centers licensed pursuant to article 28 of the public health law shall be increased by an aggregate amount of up to $40,000,000 in addition to any applicable increase contained in section one of this act subject to the approval of the commissioner of health and the director of the budget. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for the period April 1, 2026, and thereafter, Medicaid payments made for clinic service provided by federally qualified health centers and diagnostic and treatment centers licensed pursuant to article [~~twenty-eight~~] **28** of the public health law shall be increased by an aggregate amount of up to [~~$20,000,000~~] **$60,000,000** in addition to any applicable increase contained in section one of this act subject to the approval of the commissioner of health and the director of the budget. Such rate increases shall be subject to federal financial participation and the provisions established under section one-f of this act.

§ 2. Section 1-e of part I of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022 providing a one percent across the board payment increase to all qualifying fee-for-service Medicaid rates, as amended by section 7 of part F of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1-e. Such increases as added by [~~the~~] **part NN of** chapter **57** of the laws of 2024 [~~that added this section~~]**, part F of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025, or the chapter of the laws of 2026 that added section one-g to this act** may take the form of increased rates of payment in Medicaid fee-for-service and/or Medicaid managed care, lump sum payments, or state directed payments under 42 CFR 438.6(c). Such rate increases shall be subject to federal financial participation and the provisions established under section one-f of this act.

§ 3. Section 1-f of part I of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022 providing a one percent across the board payment increase to all qualifying fee-for-service Medicaid rates, as added by section 7 of part F of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025, is amended and a new section 1-g is added to read as follows:

§ 1-f. Such increases as added by [~~the~~] **part F of** chapter **57** of the laws of 2025 [~~that added this section~~] **and the chapter of the laws of 2026 that added section one-g to this act** shall be contingent upon the availability of funds within the healthcare stability fund established by section 99-ss of the state finance law**, as added by section 2 of part II of chapter 57 of the laws of 2024 and later renumbered and amended by section 2 of part F of chapter 57 of the laws of 2025**. Upon a determination by the director of the budget that the balance of such fund is projected to be insufficient to support the continuation of such increases, the commissioner of health, subject to the approval of the director of the budget, shall take steps necessary to suspend or terminate such increases, until a determination is made that there are sufficient balances to support these increases.

1-g. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for the period April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027 Medicaid payments made for hospital services and nursing home services shall be increased by an aggregate amount of up to $1,500,000,000 in addition to the increase contained in section one, one-a, and one-b of this act, subject to the approval of the commissioner of health and the director of the budget. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for state fiscal years beginning April 1, 2027, and thereafter Medicaid payments made for hospital services and nursing home services shall be increased by an aggregate amount of up to $1,000,000,000 in addition to the increase contained in section one, one-a, and one-b of this act, subject to the approval of the commissioner of health and the director of the budget. Such rate increases shall be subject to federal financial participation and the provisions established under section one-f of this act.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

PART P

Section 1. 1. Subject to available appropriations and approval of the director of the budget, the commissioners of the office of mental health, office for people with developmental disabilities, office of addiction services and supports, office of temporary and disability assistance, office of children and family services, and the director of the state office for the aging (hereinafter "the commissioners") shall establish a state fiscal year 2026-2027 targeted inflationary increase, effective April 1, 2026, for projecting for the effects of inflation upon rates of payments, contracts, or any other form of reimbursement for the programs and services listed in subdivision four of this section. The targeted inflationary increase established herein shall be applied to the appropriate portion of reimbursable costs or contract amounts. Where appropriate, transfers to the department of health (DOH) shall be made as reimbursement for the state and/or local share of medical assistance.

2. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, subject to the approval of the director of the budget and available appropriations therefor, for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027, the commissioners shall provide funding to support a one and seven-tenths percent (1.7%) targeted inflationary increase under this section for all

eligible programs and services as determined pursuant to subdivision four of this section.

3. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, and as approved by the director of the budget, the 1.7 percent targeted inflationary increase established herein shall be inclusive of all other inflationary increases, cost of living type increases, inflation factors, or trend factors that are newly applied effective April 1, 2026. Except for the 1.7 percent targeted inflationary increase established herein, for the period commencing on April 1, 2026 and ending March 31, 2027 the commissioners shall not apply any other new targeted inflationary increases or cost of living adjustments for the purpose of establishing rates of payments, contracts or any other form of reimbursement. The phrase "all other inflationary increases, cost of living type increases, inflation factors, or trend factors" as defined in this subdivision shall not include payments made pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act or other federal relief programs related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic public health emergency. This subdivision shall not prevent the office of children and family services from applying additional trend factors or staff retention factors to eligible programs and services under paragraph (v) of subdivision four of this section.

4. Eligible programs and services. (i) Programs and services funded, licensed, or certified by the office of mental health (OMH) eligible for the targeted inflationary increase established herein, pending federal approval where applicable, include: office of mental health licensed outpatient programs, pursuant to parts 587 and 599 of title 14 CRR-NY of the office of mental health regulations including clinic (mental health outpatient treatment and rehabilitative services programs), continuing day treatment, day treatment, intensive outpatient programs and partial hospitalization; outreach; crisis residence; crisis stabilization, crisis/respite beds; mobile crisis, part 590 comprehensive psychiatric emergency program services; crisis intervention; home based crisis intervention; family care; residential program services, excluding property costs, for supported single room occupancy and community residence single room occupancy; supported housing programs/services excluding rent; treatment congregate; supported congregate; community residence - children and youth; treatment/apartment; supported apartment; on-site rehabilitation; employment programs; recreation; respite care; transportation; psychosocial club; assertive community treatment; case management; care coordination, including health home plus services; local government unit administration; monitoring and evaluation; children and youth vocational services; single point of access; school-based mental health program; family support children and youth; advocacy/support services; drop in centers; recovery centers; transition management services; bridger; home and community based waiver services; behavioral health waiver services authorized pursuant to the section 1115 MRT waiver; self-help programs; consumer service dollars; conference of local mental hygiene directors; multicultural initiative; ongoing integrated supported employment services; supported education; mentally ill/chemical abuse (MICA) network; personalized recovery oriented services; children and family treatment and support services; residential treatment facilities operating pursuant to part 584 of title 14-NYCRR; geriatric demonstration programs; community-based mental health family treatment and support; coordinated children's service initiative; homeless services; and promise zones.

(ii) Programs and services funded, licensed, or certified by the office for people with developmental disabilities (OPWDD) eligible for

the targeted inflationary increase established herein, pending federal approval where applicable, include: local/unified services; chapter 620 services; voluntary operated community residential services; article 16 clinics; day treatment services; family support services; 100% day training; epilepsy services; traumatic brain injury services; hepatitis B services; independent practitioner services for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities; crisis services for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities; family care residential habilitation; supervised residential habilitation; supportive residential habilitation; respite; day habilitation; prevocational services; supported employment; community habilitation; intermediate care facility day and residential services; specialty hospital; pathways to employment; intensive behavioral services; community transition services; family education and training; fiscal intermediary; support broker; and personal resource accounts.

(iii) Programs and services funded, licensed, or certified by the office of addiction services and supports (OASAS) eligible for the targeted inflationary increase established herein, pending federal approval where applicable, include: medically supervised withdrawal services - residential; medically supervised withdrawal services - outpatient; medically managed detoxification; inpatient rehabilitation services; outpatient opioid treatment; residential opioid treatment; residential opioid treatment to abstinence; problem gambling treatment; medically supervised outpatient; outpatient rehabilitation; specialized services substance abuse programs; home and community based waiver services pursuant to subdivision 9 of section 366 of the social services law; children and family treatment and support services; continuum of care rental assistance case management; supported housing services, excluding rent, for the following programs: NY/NY III post-treatment housing, NY/NY III housing for persons at risk for homelessness, and permanent supported housing; youth clubhouse; recovery community centers; recovery community organizing initiative; residential rehabilitation services for youth (RRSY); intensive residential; community residential; supportive living; residential services; job placement initiative; case management; family support navigator; local government unit administration; peer engagement; vocational rehabilitation; HIV early intervention services; dual diagnosis coordinator; problem gambling resource centers; problem gambling prevention; prevention resource centers; primary prevention services; other prevention services; comprehensive outpatient clinic; jail-based supports; and regional addiction resource centers.

(iv) Programs and services funded, licensed, or certified by the office of temporary and disability assistance (OTDA) eligible for the targeted inflationary increase established herein, pending federal approval where applicable, include: the nutrition outreach and education program (NOEP).

(v) Programs and services funded, licensed, or certified by the office of children and family services (OCFS) eligible for the targeted inflationary increase established herein, pending federal approval where applicable, include: programs for which the office of children and family services establishes maximum state aid rates pursuant to section 398-a of the social services law and section 4003 of the education law; emergency foster homes; foster family boarding homes and therapeutic foster homes; supervised settings as defined by subdivision twenty-two of section 371 of the social services law; adoptive parents receiving adoption subsidy pursuant to section 453 of the social services law; and

congregate and scattered supportive housing programs and supportive services provided under the NY/NY III supportive housing agreement to young adults leaving or having recently left foster care.

(vi) Programs and services funded, licensed, or certified by the state office for the aging (SOFA) eligible for the targeted inflationary increase established herein, pending federal approval where applicable, include: community services for the elderly; expanded in-home services for the elderly; and the wellness in nutrition program.

5. Each local government unit or direct contract provider receiving funding for the targeted inflationary increase established herein shall submit a written certification, in such form and at such time as each commissioner shall prescribe, attesting how such funding will be or was used to first promote the recruitment and retention of support staff, direct care staff, clinical staff, non-executive administrative staff, or respond to other critical non-personal service costs prior to supporting any salary increases or other compensation for executive level job titles.

6. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law to the contrary, agency commissioners shall be authorized to recoup funding from a local governmental unit or direct contract provider for the targeted inflationary increase established herein determined to have been used in a manner inconsistent with the appropriation, or any other provision of this section. Such agency commissioners shall be authorized to employ any legal mechanism to recoup such funds, including an offset of other funds that are owed to such local governmental unit or direct contract provider.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2026.

PART Q

Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 36.08 to read as follows:

§ 36.08 Integrated behavioral health services programs.

(a) Definitions. For the purpose of this article:

(1) "Integrated behavioral health services" shall mean the systematic coordination of evidence-based services for the care and treatment of mental illness and addictive disorders, provided, however, that the scope of such services may be restricted pursuant to regulation as authorized by this article.

(2) "Integrated behavioral health services program" means a program approved in accordance with this section to provide integrated behavioral health services.

(b) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the commissioner of mental health and the commissioner of addiction services and supports shall be authorized to jointly license integrated behavioral health services programs.

(c) The commissioner of mental health and the commissioner of addiction services and supports shall promulgate joint regulations necessary for the operation of integrated behavioral health services programs established under this section. Such regulations shall include licensing standards and requirements, including but not limited to:

(1) scope of integrated behavioral health services, including associated physical health services;

(2) programmatic standards;

(3) creation of an application review and oversight process for integrated behavioral health services programs;
(4) construction of integrated behavioral health services facilities;
(5) facilitation of integrated treatment records that comply with applicable federal and state confidentiality requirements;
(6) development of billing and reimbursement structures supportive of integrated behavioral health services;
(7) physical plant standards to foster proper care and treatment;
(8) corporate structure and governance;
(9) utilization review;
(10) patient rights;
(11) staffing requirements; and
(12) standards for incident reporting, information sharing, and remediation pursuant to article eleven of the social services law.
(d) The office of addiction services and supports and the office of mental health shall be jointly authorized to adopt a single process for the suspension, revocation, or limitation of a license issued pursuant to this section, consistent with the procedures under article thirty-two of this chapter.
(e) (1) A provider shall not be authorized to provide integrated behavioral health services unless they have sufficiently demonstrated, consistent with the standards and requirements set forth by the commissioner of mental health and the commissioner of addiction services and supports:
(i) experience in the delivery of mental health and addiction services;
(ii) the capacity to provide integrated behavioral health services in each location approved by both the commissioner of mental health and the commissioner of addiction services and supports; and
(iii) compliance with standards established pursuant to this section for providing and receiving payment for integrated behavioral health services.
(2) Integrated behavioral health service providers shall be considered contracted, approved or otherwise authorized by the office of addiction services and supports and the office of mental health for the purpose of sections 19.20, 19.20-a, and 31.35 of this chapter, as applicable. Providers shall be required to comply with the review of criminal history information, as required in such sections, and consistent with section 36.06 of this article for prospective owners, operators, employees or volunteers who will have regular and substantial unsupervised or unrestricted physical contact with clients of such provider receiving behavioral health services. The office of addiction services and supports and the office of mental health, in consultation with the justice center for the protection of people with special needs, shall jointly promulgate regulations establishing the process by which a provider shall comply with this paragraph.
(3) The commissioner of mental health and the commissioner of addiction services and supports shall be authorized to promulgate additional regulations necessary to implement integrated behavioral health services programs consistent with this section.

§ 2. Subdivision 4 of section 488 of the social services law is amended by adding a new paragraph (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) an integrated behavioral health services program that is licensed under section 36.08 of the mental hygiene law;

§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 2801 of the public health law, as amended by section 2 of part E of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

1. "Hospital" means a facility or institution engaged principally in providing services by or under the supervision of a physician or, in the case of a dental clinic or dental dispensary, of a dentist, or, in the case of a midwifery birth center, of a midwife, for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of human disease, pain, injury, deformity or physical condition, including, but not limited to, a general hospital, public health center, diagnostic center, treatment center, a rural emergency hospital under 42 USC 1395x(kkk), or successor provisions, dental clinic, dental dispensary, rehabilitation center other than a facility used solely for vocational rehabilitation, nursing home, tuberculosis hospital, chronic disease hospital, maternity hospital, midwifery birth center, lying-in-asylum, out-patient department, out-patient lodge, dispensary and a laboratory or central service facility serving one or more such institutions, but the term hospital shall not include an institution, sanitarium or other facility engaged principally in providing services for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of mental disability and which is subject to the powers of visitation, examination, inspection and investigation of the department of mental hygiene except for those distinct parts of such a facility which provide hospital service. The provisions of this article shall not apply to a facility or institution engaged principally in providing services by or under the supervision of the bona fide members and adherents of a recognized religious organization whose teachings include reliance on spiritual means through prayer alone for healing in the practice of the religion of such organization and where services are provided in accordance with those teachings. No provision of this article or any other provision of law shall be construed to: (a) limit the volume of mental health, [~~substance use~~] **addiction** disorder services or developmental disability services that can be provided by a provider of primary care services licensed under this article and authorized to provide integrated services in accordance with regulations issued by the commissioner in consultation **or jointly** with the commissioner of the office of mental health, the commissioner of the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] **addiction services and supports** and the commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities **as applicable**, including regulations issued pursuant to subdivision seven of section three hundred sixty-five-l of the social services law or part L of chapter fifty-six of the laws of two thousand twelve; (b) require a provider licensed pursuant to article thirty-one of the mental hygiene law or certified pursuant to article sixteen or article thirty-two of the mental hygiene law to obtain an operating certificate from the department if such provider has been authorized to provide integrated services in accordance with regulations issued by the commissioner in consultation **or jointly** with the commissioner of the office of mental health, the commissioner of the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services and~~] **addiction services and supports or** the commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities **as applicable**, including regulations issued pursuant to subdivision seven of section three hundred sixty-five-l of the social services law or part L of chapter fifty-six of the laws of two thousand twelve**, as amended by a chapter of the laws of two thousand twenty-six; or (c) apply to an integrated behavioral health services program, as defined by section 36.08 of the mental hygiene law**.

§ 4. Subdivision (f) of section 31.02 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by section 2 of part Z of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(f) No provision of this article or any other provision of law shall be construed to require a provider licensed pursuant to article twenty-eight of the public health law or certified pursuant to article sixteen or article thirty-two of this chapter to obtain an operating certificate from the office of mental health if such provider has been authorized to provide integrated services in accordance with regulations issued by the commissioner of the office of mental health in consultation **or jointly** with the commissioner of the department of health, the commissioner of the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services and~~] **addiction services and supports or** the commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities **as applicable**, including regulations issued pursuant to subdivision seven of section three hundred sixty-five-l of the social services law or part L of chapter fifty-six of the laws of two thousand twelve**, as amended by a chapter of the laws of two thousand twenty-six**. **Furthermore, no provision of this section shall be construed to apply to integrated behavioral health services programs, as defined by section 36.08 of this title.**

§ 5. Subdivision (b) of section 32.05 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by section 3 of part Z of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019 and paragraph (i) as amended by chapter 511 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

(b) (i) Methadone, or such other controlled substance designated by the commissioner of health as appropriate for such use, may be administered to a person with substance use disorder, as defined in section thirty-three hundred two of the public health law, by individual physicians, groups of physicians and public or private medical facilities certified pursuant to article twenty-eight or thirty-three of the public health law as part of a chemical dependence program which has been issued an operating certificate by the commissioner pursuant to subdivision (b) of section 32.09 of this article, provided, however, that such administration must be done in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Individual physicians or groups of physicians who have obtained authorization from the federal government to administer buprenorphine to people with substance use disorder may do so without obtaining an operating certificate from the commissioner. (ii) No provision of this article or any other provision of law shall be construed to require a provider licensed pursuant to article twenty-eight of the public health law, article thirty-one of this chapter or a provider certified pursuant to article sixteen of this chapter to obtain an operating certificate from the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] **addiction services and supports** if such provider has been authorized to provide integrated services in accordance with regulations issued by the commissioner of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] **addiction services and supports** in consultation **or jointly** with the commissioner of the department of health, **or** the commissioner of the office of mental health and the commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities **as applicable**, including regulations issued pursuant to subdivision seven of section three hundred sixty-five-l of the social services law or part L of chapter fifty-six of the laws of two thousand twelve**, as amended by a chapter of the laws of two thousand twenty-six**. **Furthermore, no provision of this section shall be construed to apply to integrated behavioral health services programs, as defined by section 36.08 of this title.**

§ 6. Subdivisions (a) and (b) of section 43.02 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by section 3 of part OO of chapter 58 of the laws of 2015, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, payment made by government agencies pursuant to title eleven of article five of the social services law for services provided by any facility licensed by the office of mental health pursuant to article thirty-one of this chapter [~~or~~], certified by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse~~] **addiction** services **and supports** pursuant to this chapter to provide inpatient chemical dependence services, as defined in section 1.03 of this chapter, **or facilities jointly licensed by the office of mental health and the office of addiction services and supports pursuant to article thirty-six of this title,** shall be at rates or fees certified by the commissioner of the respective office **or offices** and approved by the director of the division of the budget, provided, however, the commissioner of mental health shall annually certify such rates or fees which may vary for distinct geographical areas of the state and, provided, further, that rates or fees for service for inpatient psychiatric services or inpatient chemical dependence services, at hospitals otherwise licensed pursuant to article twenty-eight of the public health law shall be established in accordance with section two thousand eight hundred seven of the public health law and, provided, further, that rates or fees for services provided by any facility or program licensed, operated or approved by the office for people with developmental disabilities, shall be certified by the commissioner of health; provided, however, that such methodologies shall be subject to approval by the office for people with developmental disabilities and shall take into account the policies and goals of such office.

(b) Operators of facilities licensed by the office of mental health pursuant to article thirty-one of this chapter, licensed by the office for people with developmental disabilities pursuant to article sixteen of this chapter [~~or~~], certified by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse~~] **addiction** services **and supports** pursuant to this chapter to provide inpatient chemical dependence services**, or facilities jointly licensed by the office of mental health and the office of addiction services and supports pursuant to article thirty-six of this title,** shall provide to the commissioner of the respective office **or offices** such financial, statistical and program information as the commissioner may determine to be necessary. The commissioner of the appropriate office **or offices** shall have the power to conduct on-site audits of books and records of such facilities.

§ 7. This act shall take effect April 1, 2026.

PART R

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 309 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 41 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

(c) As part of an examination, the superintendent shall review determinations of coverage for [~~substance use disorder treatment~~] **substance-related and addictive disorder services** and shall ensure that such determinations are issued in compliance with sections three thousand two hundred sixteen, three thousand two hundred twenty-one, four thousand three hundred three, and title one of article forty-nine of this chapter.

§ 2. Section 343 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 207 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

§ 343. Mental health and [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder **services** parity report. (a) Beginning July first, two thousand nineteen and every two years thereafter, each insurer providing managed care products, individual comprehensive accident and health insurance or group or blanket comprehensive accident and health insurance, each corporation organized pursuant to article forty-three of this chapter providing comprehensive health insurance and each entity licensed pursuant to article forty-four of the public health law providing comprehensive health service plans shall submit to the superintendent, in a form and manner prescribed by the superintendent, a report detailing the entity's compliance with federal and state mental health and [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder **services** parity laws based on the entity's record during the preceding two calendar years. The superintendent shall publish on the department's website on or before October first, two thousand nineteen, and every two years thereafter, the reports submitted pursuant to this section.

(b) Each person required to submit a report under this section shall include in the report the following information:

(1) Rates of utilization review for mental health and [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder claims as compared to medical and surgical claims, including rates of approval and denial, categorized by benefits provided under the following classifications: inpatient in-network, inpatient out-of-network, outpatient in-network, outpatient out-of-network, emergency care, and prescription drugs;

(2) The number of prior or concurrent authorization requests for mental health services and for [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder services and the number of denials for such requests, compared with the number of prior or concurrent authorization requests for medical and surgical services and the number of denials for such requests, categorized by the same classifications identified in paragraph one of this subsection;

(3) The rates of appeals of adverse determinations, including the rates of adverse determinations upheld and overturned, for mental health claims and [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder claims compared with the rates of appeals of adverse determinations, including the rates of adverse determinations upheld and overturned, for medical and surgical claims;

(4) The percentage of claims paid for in-network mental health services and for [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder services compared with the percentage of claims paid for in-network medical and surgical services and the percentage of claims paid for out-of-network mental health services and [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder services compared with the percentage of claims paid for out-of-network medical and surgical services;

(5) The number of behavioral health advocates, pursuant to an agreement with the office of the attorney general if applicable, or staff available to assist policyholders with mental health benefits and [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder benefits;

(6) A comparison of the cost sharing requirements including but not limited to co-pays and coinsurance, and the benefit limitations including limitations on the scope and duration of coverage, for medical and surgical services, and mental health services and [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder services for coverage in the individual, small group, and large group markets, provided that the comparison captures at least seventy-five percent of a company's enrollees in each market;

(7) The number by type of providers licensed to practice in this state that provide services for the treatment and diagnosis of [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder who are in-network, and the number by type of providers licensed to practice in this state that provide services for the diagnosis and treatment of mental, nervous or emotional disorders and ailments, however defined in a company's policy, who are in-network;

(8) The percentage of providers of services for the treatment and diagnosis of [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder who remained participating providers, and the percentage of providers of services for the diagnosis and treatment of mental, nervous or emotional disorders and ailments, however defined in a company's policy, who remained participating providers; and

(9) Any other data, information, or metric the superintendent deems necessary or useful to measure compliance with mental health and [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder parity including, but not limited to an evaluation and assessment of: (i) the adequacy of the company's in-network mental health services and [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder provider panels pursuant to provisions of the insurance law and public health law; and (ii) the company's reimbursement for in-network and out-of-network mental health services and [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder services as compared to the reimbursement for in-network and out-of-network medical and surgical services.

§ 3. Section 344 of the insurance law, as added by section 1 of part QQQ of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

§ 344. Mental health and [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder parity compliance programs. Penalties collected for violations of section three thousand two hundred sixteen, three thousand two hundred twenty-one and four thousand three hundred three of this chapter related to mental health and [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder parity compliance shall be deposited in a fund established pursuant to section ninety-nine-hh of the state finance law.

§ 4. Paragraph 30 of subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law, as amended by section 5 of subpart AA of part BB of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(30)(A) Every policy that provides hospital, major medical or similar comprehensive coverage shall provide inpatient coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder, including detoxification and rehabilitation services. Such inpatient coverage shall include unlimited medically necessary treatment for [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder treatment services provided in residential settings. Further, such inpatient coverage shall not apply financial requirements or treatment limitations, including utilization review requirements, to inpatient [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder benefits that are more restrictive than the predominant financial requirements and treatment limitations applied to substantially all medical and surgical benefits covered by the policy.

(B) Coverage provided under this paragraph may be limited to facilities in New York state that are licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports and, in other states, to those which are accredited by the joint commission as alcoholism, addiction, substance abuse, or chemical dependence treatment programs and are similarly

licensed, certified or otherwise authorized in the state in which the facility is located.

(C) Coverage provided under this paragraph may be subject to annual deductibles and co-insurance as deemed appropriate by the superintendent and that are consistent with those imposed on other benefits within a given policy.

(D) This subparagraph shall apply to facilities in this state that are licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports that are participating in the insurer's provider network. Coverage provided under this paragraph shall not be subject to preauthorization. Coverage provided under this paragraph shall also not be subject to concurrent utilization review during the first twenty-eight days of the inpatient admission provided that the facility notifies the insurer of both the admission and the initial treatment plan within two business days of the admission. The facility shall perform daily clinical review of the patient, including periodic consultation with the insurer at or just prior to the fourteenth day of treatment to ensure that the facility is using the evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical review tool utilized by the insurer which is designated by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports and appropriate to the age of the patient, to ensure that the inpatient treatment is medically necessary for the patient. Prior to discharge, the facility shall provide the patient and the insurer with a written discharge plan which shall describe arrangements for additional services needed following discharge from the inpatient facility as determined using the evidence-based and peer-reviewed clinical review tool utilized by the insurer which is designated by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports. Prior to discharge, the facility shall indicate to the insurer whether services included in the discharge plan are secured or determined to be reasonably available. Any utilization review of treatment provided under this subparagraph may include a review of all services provided during such inpatient treatment, including all services provided during the first twenty-eight days of such inpatient treatment. Provided, however, the insurer shall only deny coverage for any portion of the initial twenty-eight day inpatient treatment on the basis that such treatment was not medically necessary if such inpatient treatment was contrary to the evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical review tool utilized by the insurer which is designated by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports. An insured shall not have any financial obligation to the facility for any treatment under this subparagraph other than any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible otherwise required under the policy.

(E) An insurer shall make available to any insured, prospective insured, or in-network provider, upon request, the criteria for medical necessity determinations under the policy with respect to inpatient [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder benefits.

(F) For purposes of this paragraph:

(i) "financial requirement" means deductible, copayments, coinsurance and out-of-pocket expenses;

(ii) "predominant" means that a financial requirement or treatment limitation is the most common or frequent of such type of limit or requirement;

(iii) "treatment limitation" means limits on the frequency of treatment, number of visits, days of coverage, or other similar limits on the

scope or duration of treatment and includes nonquantitative treatment limitations such as: medical management standards limiting or excluding benefits based on medical necessity, or based on whether the treatment is experimental or investigational; formulary design for prescription drugs; network tier design; standards for provider admission to participate in a network, including reimbursement rates; methods for determining usual, customary, and reasonable charges; fail-first or step therapy protocols; exclusions based on failure to complete a course of treatment; and restrictions based on geographic location, facility type, provider specialty, and other criteria that limit the scope or duration of benefits for services provided under the policy; and

(iv) "[~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder" shall have the meaning set forth in the most recent edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders or the most recent edition of another generally recognized independent standard of current medical practice, such as the international classification of diseases.

(G) An insurer shall provide coverage under this paragraph, at a minimum, consistent with the federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (29 U.S.C. § 1185a).

§ 5. Paragraph 31 of subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law, as amended by section 6 of subpart A of part BB of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, subparagraph (B) as amended by section 10 and subparagraph (I) as added by section 11 of part AA of chapter 57 of the laws of 2021, and subparagraph (J) as amended by chapter 660 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

(31) (A) Every policy that provides medical, major medical or similar comprehensive-type coverage shall provide outpatient coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder, including detoxification and rehabilitation services. Such coverage shall not apply financial requirements or treatment limitations to outpatient [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder benefits that are more restrictive than the predominant financial requirements and treatment limitations applied to substantially all medical and surgical benefits covered by the policy.

(B) Coverage under this paragraph may be limited to facilities in this state that are licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the office of addiction services and supports to provide outpatient [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder services and crisis stabilization centers licensed pursuant to section 36.01 of the mental hygiene law, and, in other states, to those which are accredited by the joint commission as alcoholism, addiction or chemical dependence substance abuse treatment programs and are similarly licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized in the state in which the facility is located.

(C) Coverage provided under this paragraph may be subject to annual deductibles and co-insurance as deemed appropriate by the superintendent and that are consistent with those imposed on other benefits within a given policy.

(D) A policy providing coverage for [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder services pursuant to this paragraph shall provide up to twenty outpatient visits per policy or calendar year to an individual who identifies [~~him or herself~~] themselves as a family member of a person suffering from [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder and who seeks treatment as a family member who is otherwise covered by the applicable policy pursuant to this paragraph. The coverage required by this paragraph shall include treatment as a family

member pursuant to such family member's own policy provided such family member:

(i) does not exceed the allowable number of family visits provided by the applicable policy pursuant to this paragraph; and

(ii) is otherwise entitled to coverage pursuant to this paragraph and such family member's applicable policy.

(E) This subparagraph shall apply to facilities in this state that are licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports for the provision of outpatient, intensive outpatient, outpatient rehabilitation and opioid treatment that are participating in the insurer's provider network. Coverage provided under this paragraph shall not be subject to preauthorization. Coverage provided under this paragraph shall not be subject to concurrent review for the first four weeks of continuous treatment, not to exceed twenty-eight visits, provided the facility notifies the insurer of both the start of treatment and the initial treatment plan within two business days. The facility shall perform clinical assessment of the patient at each visit, including periodic consultation with the insurer at or just prior to the fourteenth day of treatment to ensure that the facility is using the evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical review tool utilized by the insurer which is designated by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports and appropriate to the age of the patient, to ensure that the outpatient treatment is medically necessary for the patient. Any utilization review of the treatment provided under this subparagraph may include a review of all services provided during such outpatient treatment, including all services provided during the first four weeks of continuous treatment, not to exceed twenty-eight visits, of such outpatient treatment. Provided, however, the insurer shall only deny coverage for any portion of the initial four weeks of continuous treatment, not to exceed twenty-eight visits, for outpatient treatment on the basis that such treatment was not medically necessary if such outpatient treatment was contrary to the evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical review tool utilized by the insurer which is designated by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports. An insured shall not have any financial obligation to the facility for any treatment under this subparagraph other than any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible otherwise required under the policy.

(F) The criteria for medical necessity determinations under the policy with respect to outpatient [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder benefits shall be made available by the insurer to any insured, prospective insured, or in-network provider upon request.

(G) For purposes of this paragraph:

(i) "financial requirement" means deductible, copayments, coinsurance and out-of-pocket expenses;

(ii) "predominant" means that a financial requirement or treatment limitation is the most common or frequent of such type of limit or requirement;

(iii) "treatment limitation" means limits on the frequency of treatment, number of visits, days of coverage, or other similar limits on the scope or duration of treatment and includes nonquantitative treatment limitations such as: medical management standards limiting or excluding benefits based on medical necessity, or based on whether the treatment is experimental or investigational; formulary design for prescription drugs; network tier design; standards for provider admission to partic-

ipate in a network, including reimbursement rates; methods for determining usual, customary, and reasonable charges; fail-first or step therapy protocols; exclusions based on failure to complete a course of treatment; and restrictions based on geographic location, facility type, provider specialty, and other criteria that limit the scope or duration of benefits for services provided under the policy; and

(iv) [~~"substance use~~] "substance-related and addictive disorder" shall have the meaning set forth in the most recent edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders or the most recent edition of another generally recognized independent standard of current medical practice such as the international classification of diseases.

(H) An insurer shall provide coverage under this paragraph, at a minimum, consistent with the federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (29 U.S.C. § 1185a).

(I) This subparagraph shall apply to crisis stabilization centers in this state that are licensed pursuant to section 36.01 of the mental hygiene law and participate in the insurer's provider network. Benefits for care in a crisis stabilization center shall not be subject to preauthorization. All treatment provided under this subparagraph may be reviewed retrospectively. Where care is denied retrospectively, an insured shall not have any financial obligation to the facility for any treatment under this subparagraph other than any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible otherwise required under the policy.

(J) This subparagraph shall apply to facilities in this state that are licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by the office of addiction services and supports for the provision of outpatient, intensive outpatient, outpatient rehabilitation and opioid treatment that are participating in the insurer's provider network. Reimbursement for covered outpatient treatment provided by such facilities shall be at rates negotiated between the insurer and the participating facility, provided that such rates are not less than the rates that would be paid for such treatment pursuant to the medical assistance program under title eleven of article five of the social services law. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the rates that would be paid for such treatment pursuant to the medical assistance program under title eleven of article five of the social services law shall be set forth in a fee schedule setting forth the specific fee for each individual service covered by this subparagraph published by the office of addiction services and supports by November first of the preceding calendar year and shall be the rates with an effective date of April first of the preceding year, which shall be established prior to October first of the preceding calendar year. Prior to the submission of premium rate filings and applications, the superintendent shall provide insurers with guidance on factors to consider in calculating the impact of rate changes for the purposes of submitting premium rate filings and applications to the superintendent for the subsequent policy year. To the extent that the rates with an effective date of April first differ from the estimated rates incorporated in premium rate filings and applications, insurers may account for such differences in future premium rate filings and applications submitted to the superintendent for approval.

§ 6. Paragraph 31-a of subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 748 of the laws of 2019, and subparagraph (A) as amended by section 1 of subpart E of part II of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(31-a) (A) No policy that provides medical, major medical or similar comprehensive-type coverage and provides coverage for prescription drugs

for medication for the treatment of a [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder shall require prior authorization for an initial or renewal prescription for the detoxification or maintenance treatment of a [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder, including all buprenorphine products, methadone, long acting injectable naltrexone, or medication for opioid overdose reversal prescribed or dispensed to an insured covered under the policy, including federal food and drug administration-approved over-the-counter opioid overdose reversal medication as prescribed, dispensed or as otherwise authorized under state or federal law, except where otherwise prohibited by law.

(B) Coverage provided under this paragraph may be subject to copayments, coinsurance, and annual deductibles that are consistent with those imposed on other benefits within the policy.

§ 7. Paragraph 17 of subsection (a) of section 3217-a of the insurance law, as amended by section 2 of subpart B of part AA of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

(17) where applicable, a listing by specialty, which may be in a separate document that is updated annually, of the name, address, telephone number, and digital contact information of all participating providers, including facilities, and: (A) whether the provider is accepting new patients; (B) in the case of mental health or [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder services providers, any affiliations with participating facilities certified or authorized by the office of mental health or the office of addiction services and supports, and any restrictions regarding the availability of the individual provider's services; and (C) in the case of physicians, board certification, languages spoken and any affiliations with participating hospitals. The listing shall also be posted on the insurer's website and the insurer shall update the website within fifteen days of the addition or termination of a provider from the insurer's network or a change in a physician's hospital affiliation;

§ 8. Subsection (m) of section 3217-b of the insurance law, as added by section 3 of subpart B of part AA of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

(m) A contract between an insurer and a health care provider shall include a provision that requires the health care provider to have in place business processes to ensure the timely provision of provider directory information to the insurer. A health care provider shall submit such provider directory information to an insurer, at a minimum, when a provider begins or terminates a network agreement with an insurer, when there are material changes to the content of the provider directory information of the health care provider, and at any other time, including upon the insurer's request, as the health care provider determines to be appropriate. For purposes of this subsection, "provider directory information" shall include the name, address, specialty, telephone number, and digital contact information of such health care provider; whether the provider is accepting new patients; for mental health and [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder services providers, any affiliations with participating facilities certified or authorized by the office of mental health or the office of addiction services and supports, and any restrictions regarding the availability of the individual provider's services; and in the case of physicians, board certification, languages spoken, and any affiliations with participating hospitals.

§ 9. Subparagraphs (A), (B), (D), (E) and (F) of paragraph 6 of subsection (l) of section 3221 of the insurance law, subparagraphs (A),

(B), and (D) as amended and subparagraphs (E) and (F) as added by section 15 of subpart A of part BB of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, are amended to read as follows:

(A) Every policy that provides hospital, major medical or similar comprehensive coverage shall provide inpatient coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder, including detoxification and rehabilitation services. Such inpatient coverage shall include unlimited medically necessary treatment for [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder treatment services provided in residential settings. Further, such inpatient coverage shall not apply financial requirements or treatment limitations, including utilization review requirements, to inpatient [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder benefits that are more restrictive than the predominant financial requirements and treatment limitations applied to substantially all medical and surgical benefits covered by the policy.

(B) Coverage provided under this paragraph may be limited to facilities in New York state that are licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] **addiction services and supports** and, in other states, to those which are accredited by the joint commission as alcoholism, **addiction,** substance abuse or chemical dependence treatment programs and are similarly licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized in the state in which the facility is located.

(D) This subparagraph shall apply to facilities in this state that are licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] **addiction services and supports** that are participating in the insurer's provider network. Coverage provided under this paragraph shall not be subject to preauthorization. Coverage provided under this paragraph shall also not be subject to concurrent utilization review during the first twenty-eight days of the inpatient admission provided that the facility notifies the insurer of both the admission and the initial treatment plan within two business days of the admission. The facility shall perform daily clinical review of the patient, including periodic consultation with the insurer at or just prior to the fourteenth day of treatment to ensure that the facility is using the evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical review tool utilized by the insurer which is designated by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] **addiction services and supports** and appropriate to the age of the patient, to ensure that the inpatient treatment is medically necessary for the patient. Prior to discharge, the facility shall provide the patient and the insurer with a written discharge plan which shall describe arrangements for additional services needed following discharge from the inpatient facility as determined using the evidence-based and peer-reviewed clinical review tool utilized by the insurer which is designated by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] **addiction services and supports**. Prior to discharge, the facility shall indicate to the insurer whether services included in the discharge plan are secured or determined to be reasonably available. Any utilization review of treatment provided under this subparagraph may include a review of all services provided during such inpatient treatment, including all services provided during the first twenty-eight days of such inpatient treatment. Provided, however, the insurer shall only deny coverage for any portion of the initial twenty-eight day inpatient treatment on the basis that such treatment was not medically necessary if such inpatient treatment was contrary to the evidence-based and peer

reviewed clinical review tool utilized by the insurer which is designated by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports. An insured shall not have any financial obligation to the facility for any treatment under this subparagraph other than any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible otherwise required under the policy.

(E) The criteria for medical necessity determinations under the policy with respect to inpatient [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder benefits shall be made available by the insurer to any insured, prospective insured, or in-network provider upon request.

(F) For purposes of this paragraph:

(i) "financial requirement" means deductible, copayments, coinsurance and out-of-pocket expenses;

(ii) "predominant" means that a financial requirement or treatment limitation is the most common or frequent of such type of limit or requirement;

(iii) "treatment limitation" means limits on the frequency of treatment, number of visits, days of coverage, or other similar limits on the scope or duration of treatment and includes nonquantitative treatment limitations such as: medical management standards limiting or excluding benefits based on medical necessity, or based on whether the treatment is experimental or investigational; formulary design for prescription drugs; network tier design; standards for provider admission to participate in a network, including reimbursement rates; methods for determining usual, customary, and reasonable charges; fail-first or step therapy protocols; exclusions based on failure to complete a course of treatment; and restrictions based on geographic location, facility type, provider specialty, and other criteria that limit the scope or duration of benefits for services provided under the policy; and

(iv) ["~~substance use~~] "substance-related and addictive disorder" shall have the meaning set forth in the most recent edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders or the most recent edition of another generally recognized independent standard of current medical practice such as the international classification of diseases.

§ 10. Paragraph 7 of subsection (l) of section 3221 of the insurance law, as amended by chapter 41 of the laws of 2014, subparagraph (A) as amended and subparagraph (C-1) as added by section 16 and subparagraph (E) as amended, and subparagraphs (F), (G), and (H) as added by section 17 of subpart A of part BB of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, subparagraph (B) as amended by section 16 and subparagraph (I) as added by section 17 of part AA of chapter 57 of the laws of 2021,subparagraph (J) as amended by chapter 660 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

(7) (A) Every policy that provides medical, major medical or similar comprehensive-type coverage shall provide outpatient coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder, including detoxification and rehabilitation services. Such coverage shall not apply financial requirements or treatment limitations to outpatient [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder benefits that are more restrictive than the predominant financial requirements and treatment limitations applied to substantially all medical and surgical benefits covered by the policy.

(B) Coverage under this paragraph may be limited to facilities in this state that are licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the office of addiction services and supports to provide outpatient [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder services and crisis stabiliza-

tion centers licensed pursuant to section 36.01 of the mental hygiene law, and, in other states, to those which are accredited by the joint commission as alcoholism, addiction or chemical dependence treatment programs and similarly licensed, certified or otherwise authorized in the state in which the facility is located.

(C) Coverage provided under this paragraph may be subject to annual deductibles and co-insurance as deemed appropriate by the superintendent and that are consistent with those imposed on other benefits within a given policy.

(C-1) A large group policy that provides coverage under this paragraph shall not impose copayments or coinsurance for outpatient [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder services that exceeds the copayment or coinsurance imposed for a primary care office visit. Provided that no greater than one such copayment may be imposed for all services provided in a single day by a facility licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports to provide outpatient [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder services.

(D) A policy providing coverage for [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder services pursuant to this paragraph shall provide up to twenty outpatient visits per policy or calendar year to an individual who identifies [~~him or herself~~] themselves as a family member of a person suffering from [~~substance use~~] a substance-related and addictive disorder and who seeks treatment as a family member who is otherwise covered by the applicable policy pursuant to this paragraph. The coverage required by this paragraph shall include treatment as a family member pursuant to such family member's own policy provided such family member:

(i) does not exceed the allowable number of family visits provided by the applicable policy pursuant to this paragraph; and

(ii) is otherwise entitled to coverage pursuant to this paragraph and such family member's applicable policy.

(E) This subparagraph shall apply to facilities in this state that are licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports for the provision of outpatient, intensive outpatient, outpatient rehabilitation and opioid treatment that are participating in the insurer's provider network. Coverage provided under this paragraph shall not be subject to preauthorization. Coverage provided under this paragraph shall not be subject to concurrent review for the first four weeks of continuous treatment, not to exceed twenty-eight visits, provided the facility notifies the insurer of both the start of treatment and the initial treatment plan within two business days. The facility shall perform clinical assessment of the patient at each visit, including periodic consultation with the insurer at or just prior to the fourteenth day of treatment to ensure that the facility is using the evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical review tool utilized by the insurer which is designated by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports and appropriate to the age of the patient, to ensure that the outpatient treatment is medically necessary for the patient. Any utilization review of the treatment provided under this subparagraph may include a review of all services provided during such outpatient treatment, including all services provided during the first four weeks of continuous treatment, not to exceed twenty-eight visits, of such outpatient treatment. Provided, however, the insurer shall only deny coverage for any portion of the initial four weeks of

continuous treatment, not to exceed twenty-eight visits, for outpatient treatment on the basis that such treatment was not medically necessary if such outpatient treatment was contrary to the evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical review tool utilized by the insurer which is designated by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports. An insured shall not have any financial obligation to the facility for any treatment under this subparagraph other than any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible otherwise required under the policy.

(F) The criteria for medical necessity determinations under the policy with respect to outpatient [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder benefits shall be made available by the insurer to any insured, prospective insured, or in-network provider upon request.

(G) For purposes of this paragraph:

(i) "financial requirement" means deductible, copayments, coinsurance and out-of-pocket expenses;

(ii) "predominant" means that a financial requirement or treatment limitation is the most common or frequent of such type of limit or requirement;

(iii) "treatment limitation" means limits on the frequency of treatment, number of visits, days of coverage, or other similar limits on the scope or duration of treatment and includes nonquantitative treatment limitations such as: medical management standards limiting or excluding benefits based on medical necessity, or based on whether the treatment is experimental or investigational; formulary design for prescription drugs; network tier design; standards for provider admission to participate in a network, including reimbursement rates; methods for determining usual, customary, and reasonable charges; fail-first or step therapy protocols; exclusions based on failure to complete a course of treatment; and restrictions based on geographic location, facility type, provider specialty, and other criteria that limit the scope or duration of benefits for services provided under the policy; and

(iv) ["~~substance use~~] "substance-related and addictive disorder" shall have the meaning set forth in the most recent edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders or the most recent edition of another generally recognized independent standard of current medical practice such as the international classification of diseases.

(H) An insurer shall provide coverage under this paragraph, at a minimum, consistent with the federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (29 U.S.C. § 1185a).

(I) This subparagraph shall apply to crisis stabilization centers in this state that are licensed pursuant to section 36.01 of the mental hygiene law and participate in the insurer's provider network. Benefits for care in a crisis stabilization center shall not be subject to preauthorization. All treatment provided under this subparagraph may be reviewed retrospectively. Where care is denied retrospectively, an insured shall not have any financial obligation to the facility for any treatment under this subparagraph other than any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible otherwise required under the policy.

(J) This subparagraph shall apply to facilities in this state that are licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by the office of addiction services and supports for the provision of outpatient, intensive outpatient, outpatient rehabilitation and opioid treatment that are participating in the insurer's provider network. Reimbursement for covered outpatient treatment provided by such facilities shall be at rates negotiated between the insurer and the participating facility, provided that

such rates are not less than the rates that would be paid for such treatment pursuant to the medical assistance program under title eleven of article five of the social services law. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the rates that would be paid for such treatment pursuant to the medical assistance program under title eleven of article five of the social services law shall be set forth in a fee schedule setting forth the specific fee for each individual service covered by this subparagraph published by the office of addiction services and supports by November first of the preceding calendar year and shall be the rates with an effective date of April first of the preceding year, which shall be established prior to October first of the preceding calendar year. Prior to the submission of premium rate filings and applications, the superintendent shall provide insurers with guidance on factors to consider in calculating the impact of rate changes for the purposes of submitting premium rate filings and applications to the superintendent for the subsequent policy year. To the extent that the rates with an effective date of April first differ from the estimated rates incorporated in premium rate filings and applications, insurers may account for such differences in future premium rate filings and applications submitted to the superintendent for approval.

§ 11. Subparagraph (A) of paragraph 7-a of subsection (l) of section 3221 of the insurance law, as amended by section 2 of subpart E of part II of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(A) No policy that provides medical, major medical or similar comprehensive-type small group coverage and provides coverage for prescription drugs for medication for the treatment of a [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder shall require prior authorization for an initial or renewal prescription for the detoxification or maintenance treatment of a [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder, including all buprenorphine products, methadone, long acting injectable naltrexone, or medication for opioid overdose reversal prescribed or dispensed to an insured covered under the policy, including federal food and drug administration-approved over-the-counter opioid overdose reversal medication as prescribed, dispensed or as otherwise authorized under state or federal law, except where otherwise prohibited by law. Every policy that provides medical, major medical or similar comprehensive-type large group coverage shall provide coverage for prescription drugs for medication for the treatment of a [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder and shall not require prior authorization for an initial or renewal prescription for the detoxification or maintenance treatment of a [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder, including all buprenorphine products, methadone, long acting injectable naltrexone, or medication for opioid overdose reversal prescribed or dispensed to an insured covered under the policy, including federal food and drug administration-approved over-the-counter opioid overdose reversal medication as prescribed, dispensed or as otherwise authorized under state or federal law, except where otherwise prohibited by law.

§ 12. Subsection (a) of section 3241 of the insurance law, as amended by section 1 of subpart F of part II of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(a) (1) An insurer, a corporation organized pursuant to article forty-three of this chapter, a municipal cooperative health benefit plan certified pursuant to article forty-seven of this chapter, or a student health plan established or maintained pursuant to section one thousand one hundred twenty-four of this chapter, that issues a health insurance

policy or contract with a network of health care providers shall ensure that the network is adequate to meet the health, substance-related and addictive disorder and mental health needs of insureds and provide an appropriate choice of providers sufficient to render the services covered under the policy or contract. The superintendent shall review the network of health care providers for adequacy at the time of the superintendent's initial approval of a health insurance policy or contract; at least every three years thereafter; and upon application for expansion of any service area associated with the policy or contract in conformance with the standards set forth in subdivision five of section four thousand four hundred three of the public health law. The superintendent shall determine standards for network adequacy for mental health and [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder treatment services, including sub-acute care in a residential facility, assertive community treatment services, critical time intervention services and mobile crisis intervention services, in consultation with the commissioner of the office of mental health and the commissioner of the office of addiction services and supports. To the extent that the network has been determined by the commissioner of health to meet the standards set forth in subdivision five of section four thousand four hundred three of the public health law, such network shall be deemed adequate by the superintendent.

(2) The superintendent, in consultation with the commissioner of health, the commissioner of the office of mental health, and the commissioner of the office of addiction services and supports, shall propose regulations setting forth standards for network adequacy for mental health and [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder treatment services, including sub-acute care in a residential facility, assertive community treatment services, critical time intervention services and mobile crisis intervention services, by December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three.

§ 13. Subsection (k) of section 4303 of the insurance law, as amended by section 26 of subpart A of part BB of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(k)(1) Every contract that provides hospital, major medical or similar comprehensive coverage shall provide inpatient coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder, including detoxification and rehabilitation services. Such inpatient coverage shall include unlimited medically necessary treatment for [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder treatment services provided in residential settings. Further, such inpatient coverage shall not apply financial requirements or treatment limitations, including utilization review requirements, to inpatient [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder benefits that are more restrictive than the predominant financial requirements and treatment limitations applied to substantially all medical and surgical benefits covered by the contract.

(2) Coverage provided under this subsection may be limited to facilities in New York state that are licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports and, in other states, to those which are accredited by the joint commission as alcoholism, addiction, substance abuse, or chemical dependence treatment programs and are similarly licensed, certified or otherwise authorized in the state in which the facility is located.

(3) Coverage provided under this subsection may be subject to annual deductibles and co-insurance as deemed appropriate by the superintendent and that are consistent with those imposed on other benefits within a given contract.

(4) This paragraph shall apply to facilities in this state that are licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports that are participating in the corporation's provider network. Coverage provided under this subsection shall not be subject to preauthorization. Coverage provided under this subsection shall also not be subject to concurrent utilization review during the first twenty-eight days of the inpatient admission provided that the facility notifies the corporation of both the admission and the initial treatment plan within two business days of the admission. The facility shall perform daily clinical review of the patient, including periodic consultation with the corporation at or just prior to the fourteenth day of treatment to ensure that the facility is using the evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical review tool utilized by the corporation which is designated by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports and appropriate to the age of the patient, to ensure that the inpatient treatment is medically necessary for the patient. Prior to discharge, the facility shall provide the patient and the corporation with a written discharge plan which shall describe arrangements for additional services needed following discharge from the inpatient facility as determined using the evidence-based and peer-reviewed clinical review tool utilized by the corporation which is designated by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports. Prior to discharge, the facility shall indicate to the corporation whether services included in the discharge plan are secured or determined to be reasonably available. Any utilization review of treatment provided under this paragraph may include a review of all services provided during such inpatient treatment, including all services provided during the first twenty-eight days of such inpatient treatment. Provided, however, the corporation shall only deny coverage for any portion of the initial twenty-eight day inpatient treatment on the basis that such treatment was not medically necessary if such inpatient treatment was contrary to the evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical review tool utilized by the corporation which is designated by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports. An insured shall not have any financial obligation to the facility for any treatment under this paragraph other than any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible otherwise required under the contract.

(5) The criteria for medical necessity determinations under the contract with respect to inpatient [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder benefits shall be made available by the corporation to any insured, prospective insured or in-network provider upon request.

(6) For purposes of this subsection:

(A) "financial requirement" means deductible, copayments, coinsurance and out-of-pocket expenses;

(B) "predominant" means that a financial requirement or treatment limitation is the most common or frequent of such type of limit or requirement;

(C) "treatment limitation" means limits on the frequency of treatment, number of visits, days of coverage, or other similar limits on the scope or duration of treatment and includes nonquantitative treatment limitations such as: medical management standards limiting or excluding bene-

fits based on medical necessity, or based on whether the treatment is experimental or investigational; formulary design for prescription drugs; network tier design; standards for provider admission to participate in a network, including reimbursement rates; methods for determining usual, customary, and reasonable charges; fail-first or step therapy protocols; exclusions based on failure to complete a course of treatment; and restrictions based on geographic location, facility type, provider specialty, and other criteria that limit the scope or duration of benefits for services provided under the contract; and

(D) [~~"substance use~~] "substance-related and addictive disorder" shall have the meaning set forth in the most recent edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders or the most recent edition of another generally recognized independent standard of current medical practice such as the international classification of diseases.

(7) A corporation shall provide coverage under this subsection, at a minimum, consistent with the federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (29 U.S.C. § 1185a).

§ 14. Subsection (l) of section 4303 of the insurance law, as amended by chapter 41 of the laws of 2014, paragraph 1 as amended and paragraph 3-a as added by section 27, paragraph 5 as amended and paragraphs 6, 7, and 8 as added by section 28 of subpart A of part BB of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, paragraph 2 as amended by section 20 and paragraph 9 as added by section 21 of part AA of chapter 57 of the laws of 2021, paragraph 10 as amended by chapter 660 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

(l) (1) Every contract that provides medical, major medical or similar comprehensive-type coverage shall provide outpatient coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder, including detoxification and rehabilitation services. Such coverage shall not apply financial requirements or treatment limitations to outpatient [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder benefits that are more restrictive than the predominant financial requirements and treatment limitations applied to substantially all medical and surgical benefits covered by the contract.

(2) Coverage under this subsection may be limited to facilities in this state that are licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the office of addiction services and supports to provide outpatient [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder services and crisis stabilization centers licensed pursuant to section 36.01 of the mental hygiene law, and, in other states, to those which are accredited by the joint commission as alcoholism, addiction or chemical dependence substance abuse treatment programs and are similarly licensed, certified or otherwise authorized in the state in which the facility is located.

(3) Coverage provided under this subsection may be subject to annual deductibles and co-insurance as deemed appropriate by the superintendent and that are consistent with those imposed on other benefits within a given contract.

(3-a) A contract that provides large group coverage under this subsection shall not impose copayments or coinsurance for outpatient [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder services that exceed the copayment or coinsurance imposed for a primary care office visit. Provided that no greater than one such copayment may be imposed for all services provided in a single day by a facility licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance~~

~~abuse services~~] addiction services and supports to provide outpatient [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder services.

(4) A contract providing coverage for [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder services pursuant to this subsection shall provide up to twenty outpatient visits per contract or calendar year to an individual who identifies [~~him or herself~~] themselves as a family member of a person suffering from [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder and who seeks treatment as a family member who is otherwise covered by the applicable contract pursuant to this subsection. The coverage required by this subsection shall include treatment as a family member pursuant to such family member's own contract provided such family member:

(A) does not exceed the allowable number of family visits provided by the applicable contract pursuant to this subsection; and

(B) is otherwise entitled to coverage pursuant to this subsection and such family member's applicable contract.

(5) This paragraph shall apply to facilities in this state that are licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports for the provision of outpatient, intensive outpatient, outpatient rehabilitation and opioid treatment that are participating in the corporation's provider network. Coverage provided under this subsection shall not be subject to preauthorization. Coverage provided under this subsection shall not be subject to concurrent review for the first four weeks of continuous treatment, not to exceed twenty-eight visits, provided the facility notifies the corporation of both the start of treatment and the initial treatment plan within two business days. The facility shall perform clinical assessment of the patient at each visit, including periodic consultation with the corporation at or just prior to the fourteenth day of treatment to ensure that the facility is using the evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical review tool utilized by the corporation which is designated by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports and appropriate to the age of the patient, to ensure that the outpatient treatment is medically necessary for the patient. Any utilization review of the treatment provided under this paragraph may include a review of all services provided during such outpatient treatment, including all services provided during the first four weeks of continuous treatment, not to exceed twenty-eight visits, of such outpatient treatment. Provided, however, the corporation shall only deny coverage for any portion of the initial four weeks of continuous treatment, not to exceed twenty-eight visits, for outpatient treatment on the basis that such treatment was not medically necessary if such outpatient treatment was contrary to the evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical review tool utilized by the corporation which is designated by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports. A subscriber shall not have any financial obligation to the facility for any treatment under this paragraph other than any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible otherwise required under the contract.

(6) The criteria for medical necessity determinations under the contract with respect to outpatient [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder benefits shall be made available by the corporation to any insured, prospective insured, or in-network provider upon request.

(7) For purposes of this subsection:

(A) "financial requirement" means deductible, copayments, coinsurance and out-of-pocket expenses;

(B) "predominant" means that a financial requirement or treatment limitation is the most common or frequent of such type of limit or requirement.

(C) "treatment limitation" means limits on the frequency of treatment, number of visits, days of coverage, or other similar limits on the scope or duration of treatment and includes nonquantitative treatment limitations such as: medical management standards limiting or excluding benefits based on medical necessity, or based on whether the treatment is experimental or investigational; formulary design for prescription drugs; network tier design; standards for provider admission to participate in a network, including reimbursement rates; methods for determining usual, customary, and reasonable charges; fail-first or step therapy protocols; exclusions based on failure to complete a course of treatment; and restrictions based on geographic location, facility type, provider specialty, and other criteria that limit the scope or duration of benefits for services provided under the contract; and

(D) [~~"substance use~~] "substance-related and addictive disorder" shall have the meaning set forth in the most recent edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders or the most recent edition of another generally recognized independent standard of current medical practice such as the international classification of diseases.

(8) A corporation shall provide coverage under this subsection, at a minimum, consistent with the federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (29 U.S.C. § 1185a).

(9) This paragraph shall apply to crisis stabilization centers in this state that are licensed pursuant to section 36.01 of the mental hygiene law and participate in the corporation's provider network. Benefits for care in a crisis stabilization center shall not be subject to preauthorization. All treatment provided under this paragraph may be reviewed retrospectively. Where care is denied retrospectively, an insured shall not have any financial obligation to the facility for any treatment under this paragraph other than any copayment, coinsurance, or deductible otherwise required under the contract.

(10) This paragraph shall apply to facilities in this state that are licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by the office of addiction services and supports for the provision of outpatient, intensive outpatient, outpatient rehabilitation and opioid treatment that are participating in the corporation's provider network. Reimbursement for covered outpatient treatment provided by such facilities shall be at rates negotiated between the corporation and the participating facility, provided that such rates are not less than the rates that would be paid for such treatment pursuant to the medical assistance program under title eleven of article five of the social services law. For the purposes of this paragraph, the rates that would be paid for such treatment pursuant to the medical assistance program under title eleven of article five of the social services law shall be set forth in a fee schedule setting forth the specific fee for each individual service covered by this paragraph published by the office of addiction services and supports by November first of the preceding calendar year and shall be the rates with an effective date of April first of the preceding year, which shall be established prior to October first of the preceding calendar year. Prior to the submission of premium rate filings and applications, the superintendent shall provide corporations with guidance on factors to consid-

er in calculating the impact of rate changes for the purposes of submitting premium rate filings and applications to the superintendent for the subsequent policy year. To the extent that the rates with an effective date of April first differ from the estimated rates incorporated in premium rate filings and applications, corporations may account for such differences in future premium rate filings and applications submitted to the superintendent for approval.

§ 15. Paragraph (A) of subsection (l-1) of section 4303 of the insurance law, as amended by section 3 of subpart E of part II of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(A) No contract that provides medical, major medical or similar comprehensive-type individual or small group coverage and provides coverage for prescription drugs for medication for the treatment of a [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder shall require prior authorization for an initial or renewal prescription for the detoxification or maintenance treatment of a [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder, including all buprenorphine products, methadone, long acting injectable naltrexone, or medication for opioid overdose reversal prescribed or dispensed to an insured covered under the contract, including federal food and drug administration-approved over-the-counter opioid overdose reversal medication as prescribed, dispensed or as otherwise authorized under state or federal law, except where otherwise prohibited by law. Every contract that provides medical, major medical, or similar comprehensive-type large group coverage shall provide coverage for prescription drugs for medication for the treatment of a [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder and shall not require prior authorization for an initial or renewal prescription for the detoxification of maintenance treatment of a [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder, including all buprenorphine products, methadone, long acting injectable naltrexone, or medication for opioid overdose reversal prescribed or dispensed to an individual covered under the contract, including federal food and drug administration-approved over-the-counter opioid overdose reversal medication as prescribed, dispensed or as otherwise authorized under state or federal law, except where otherwise prohibited by law.

§ 16. Subparagraph (E) of paragraph 1 of subsection (a) of section 4306-h of the insurance law, as added by section 35 of subpart B of part J of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(E) mental health and [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder services, including behavioral health treatment;

§ 17. Paragraph 17 of subsection (a) of section 4324 of the insurance law, as amended by section 4 of subpart B of part AA of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

(17) where applicable, a listing by specialty, which may be in a separate document that is updated annually, of the name, address, telephone number, and digital contact information of all participating providers, including facilities, and: (A) whether the provider is accepting new patients; (B) in the case of mental health or [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder services providers, any affiliations with participating facilities certified or authorized by the office of mental health or the office of addiction services and supports, and any restrictions regarding the availability of the individual provider's services; (C) in the case of physicians, board certification, languages spoken and any affiliations with participating hospitals. The listing shall also be posted on the corporation's website and the corporation shall update the website within fifteen days of the

addition or termination of a provider from the corporation's network or a change in a physician's hospital affiliation;

§ 18. Subsection (n) of section 4325 of the insurance law, as added by section 5 of subpart B of part AA of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

(n) A contract between a corporation and a health care provider shall include a provision that requires the health care provider to have in place business processes to ensure the timely provision of provider directory information to the corporation. A health care provider shall submit such provider directory information to a corporation, at a minimum, when a provider begins or terminates a network agreement with a corporation, when there are material changes to the content of the provider directory information of the health care provider, and at any other time, including upon the corporation's request, as the health care provider determines to be appropriate. For purposes of this subsection, "provider directory information" shall include the name, address, specialty, telephone number, and digital contact information of such health care provider; whether the provider is accepting new patients; for mental health and [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder services providers, any affiliations with participating facilities certified or authorized by the office of mental health or the office of addiction services and supports, and any restrictions regarding the availability of the individual provider's services; and in the case of physicians, board certification, languages spoken, and any affiliations with participating hospitals.

§ 19. Subparagraph (C) of paragraph 1 of subsection (b) of section 4900 of the insurance law, as amended by section 2 of part MM of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(C) for purposes of a determination involving [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder treatment:

(i) a physician who possesses a current and valid non-restricted license to practice medicine and who specializes in behavioral health and has experience in the delivery of [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder courses of treatment; or

(ii) a health care professional other than a licensed physician who specializes in behavioral health and has experience in the delivery of [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder courses of treatment and, where applicable, possesses a current and valid non-restricted license, certificate or registration or, where no provision for a license, certificate or registration exists, is credentialed by the national accrediting body appropriate to the profession; or

§ 20. Clause (iv) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph 2 of subsection (b) of section 4900 of the insurance law, as separately amended by section 2 of part MM of chapter 57 and chapter 170 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(iv) for purposes of a determination involving [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder treatment, possesses a current and valid non-restricted license to practice medicine and who specializes in behavioral health and has experience in the delivery of [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder courses of treatment;

§ 21. Clause (iv) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph 2 of subsection (b) of section 4900 of the insurance law, as separately amended by section 2 of part MM of chapter 57 and chapter 170 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(iv) for purposes of a determination involving [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder treatment, specializes in behavioral health and has experience in the delivery of [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder courses of treatment and, where applicable, possesses a current and valid non-restricted license, certificate or registration or, where no provision for a license, certificate or registration exists, is credentialed by the national accrediting body appropriate to the profession;

§ 22. Paragraph 9 subsection (a) of section 4902 of the insurance law, as amended by section 37 of subpart A of part BB of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(9) When conducting utilization review for purposes of determining health care coverage for [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder treatment, a utilization review agent shall utilize an evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical review tool that is appropriate to the age of the patient. When conducting such utilization review for treatment provided in this state, a utilization review agent shall utilize an evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical tool designated by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] **addiction services and supports** that is consistent with the treatment service levels within the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] **addiction services and supports** system. All approved tools shall have inter rater reliability testing completed by December thirty-first, two thousand sixteen.

§ 23. Paragraph 2 subsection (b) of section 4903 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 371 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

(2) With regard to individual or group contracts authorized pursuant to article thirty-two, forty-three or forty-seven of this chapter or article forty-four of the public health law, for utilization and review determinations involving proposed mental health and/or [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder services where the insured or the insured's designee has, in a format prescribed by the superintendent, certified in the request that the proposed services are for an individual who will be appearing, or has appeared, before a court of competent jurisdiction and may be subject to a court order requiring such services, the utilization review agent shall make a determination and provide notice of such determination to the insured or the insured's designee by telephone within seventy-two hours of receipt of the request. Written notice of the determination to the insured or insured's designee shall follow within three business days. Where feasible, such telephonic and written notice shall also be provided to the court.

§ 24. Subsection (c) of section 4903 of the insurance law, as amended by chapter 41 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

(c) (1) A utilization review agent shall make a determination involving continued or extended health care services, additional services for an insured undergoing a course of continued treatment prescribed by a health care provider, or requests for inpatient [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder treatment, or home health care services following an inpatient hospital admission, and shall provide notice of such determination to the insured or the insured's designee, which may be satisfied by notice to the insured's health care provider, by telephone and in writing within one business day of receipt of the necessary information except, with respect to home health care services following an inpatient hospital admission, within seventy-two hours of receipt of the necessary information when the day subsequent to the

request falls on a weekend or holiday and except, with respect to inpatient [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder treatment, within twenty-four hours of receipt of the request for services when the request is submitted at least twenty-four hours prior to discharge from an inpatient admission. Notification of continued or extended services shall include the number of extended services approved, the new total of approved services, the date of onset of services and the next review date.

(2) Provided that a request for home health care services and all necessary information is submitted to the utilization review agent prior to discharge from an inpatient hospital admission pursuant to this subsection, a utilization review agent shall not deny, on the basis of medical necessity or lack of prior authorization, coverage for home health care services while a determination by the utilization review agent is pending.

(3) Provided that a request for inpatient treatment for [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder is submitted to the utilization review agent at least twenty-four hours prior to discharge from an inpatient admission pursuant to this subsection, a utilization review agent shall not deny, on the basis of medical necessity or lack of prior authorization, coverage for the inpatient [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder treatment while a determination by the utilization review agent is pending.

§ 25. Subsection (b) of section 4904 of the insurance law, as amended by chapter 371 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A utilization review agent shall establish an expedited appeal process for appeal of an adverse determination involving (1) continued or extended health care services, procedures or treatments or additional services for an insured undergoing a course of continued treatment prescribed by a health care provider or home health care services following discharge from an inpatient hospital admission pursuant to subsection (c) of section four thousand nine hundred three of this title; (2) an adverse determination in which the health care provider believes an immediate appeal is warranted except any retrospective determination; or (3) potential court-ordered mental health and/or [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder services pursuant to paragraph two of subsection (b) of section four thousand nine hundred three of this title. Such process shall include mechanisms which facilitate resolution of the appeal including but not limited to the sharing of information from the insured's health care provider and the utilization review agent by telephonic means or by facsimile. The utilization review agent shall provide reasonable access to its clinical peer reviewer within one business day of receiving notice of the taking of an expedited appeal. Expedited appeals shall be determined within two business days of receipt of necessary information to conduct such appeal except, with respect to inpatient [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder treatment provided pursuant to paragraph three of subsection (c) of section four thousand nine hundred three of this title, expedited appeals shall be determined within twenty-four hours of receipt of such appeal. Expedited appeals which do not result in a resolution satisfactory to the appealing party may be further appealed through the standard appeal process, or through the external appeal process pursuant to section four thousand nine hundred fourteen of this article as applicable. Provided that the insured or the insured's health care provider files an expedited internal and external appeal within twenty-four hours from receipt of an adverse determination for inpatient

[~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder treatment for which coverage was provided while the initial utilization review determination was pending pursuant to paragraph three of subsection (c) of section four thousand nine hundred three of this title, a utilization review agent shall not deny on the basis of medical necessity or lack of prior authorization such [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder treatment while a determination by the utilization review agent or external appeal agent is pending.

§ 26. Subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 4900 of the public health law, as amended by section 1 of part MM of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(iii) for purposes of a determination involving [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder treatment:

(A) a physician who possesses a current and valid non-restricted license to practice medicine and who specializes in behavioral health and has experience in the delivery of [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder courses of treatment; or

(B) a health care professional other than a licensed physician who specializes in behavioral health and has experience in the delivery of [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder courses of treatment and, where applicable, possesses a current and valid non-restricted license, certificate or registration or, where no provision for a license, certificate or registration exists, is credentialed by the national accrediting body appropriate to the profession; or

§ 27. Clause (D) of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 4900 of the public health law, as separately amended by section 1 of part MM of chapter 57 and chapter 170 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(D) for purposes of a determination involving [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder treatment, possesses a current and valid non-restricted license to practice medicine and specializes in behavioral health and has experience in the delivery of [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder courses of treatment;

§ 28. Clause (E) of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 4900 of the public health law, as separately amended by section 1 of part MM of chapter 57 and chapter 170 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(E) for purposes of a determination involving [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder, specializes in behavioral health and has experience in the delivery of [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder courses of treatment and, where applicable, possesses a current and valid non-restricted license, certificate or registration or, where no provision for a license, certificate or registration exists, is credentialed by the national accrediting body appropriate to the profession;

§ 29. Paragraph (i) of subdivision 1 of section 4902 of the public health law, as amended by section 43 of subpart A of part BB of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(i) When conducting utilization review for purposes of determining health care coverage for [~~substance use~~] substance-related and addictive disorder treatment, a utilization review agent shall utilize an evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical review tool that is appropriate to the age of the patient. When conducting such utilization review for treatment provided in this state, a utilization review agent shall utilize an evidence-based and peer reviewed clinical tool designated by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction

services and supports that is consistent with the treatment service levels within the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] **addiction services and supports** system. All approved tools shall have inter rater reliability testing completed by December thirty-first, two thousand sixteen.

§ 30. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 4903 of the public health law, as added by chapter 371 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

(b) With regard to individual or group contracts authorized pursuant to article forty-four of this chapter, for utilization review determinations involving proposed mental health and/or [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder services where the enrollee or the enrollee's designee has, in a format prescribed by the superintendent of financial services, certified in the request that the proposed services are for an individual who will be appearing, or has appeared, before a court of competent jurisdiction and may be subject to a court order requiring such services, the utilization review agent shall make a determination and provide notice of such determination to the enrollee or the enrollee's designee by telephone within seventy-two hours of receipt of the request. Written notice of the determination to the enrollee or enrollee's designee shall follow within three business days. Where feasible, such telephonic and written notice shall also be provided to the court.

§ 31. Subdivision 3 of section 4903 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 41 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3. (a) A utilization review agent shall make a determination involving continued or extended health care services, additional services for an enrollee undergoing a course of continued treatment prescribed by a health care provider, or requests for inpatient [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder treatment, or home health care services following an inpatient hospital admission, and shall provide notice of such determination to the enrollee or the enrollee's designee, which may be satisfied by notice to the enrollee's health care provider, by telephone and in writing within one business day of receipt of the necessary information except, with respect to home health care services following an inpatient hospital admission, within seventy-two hours of receipt of the necessary information when the day subsequent to the request falls on a weekend or holiday and except, with respect to inpatient [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder treatment, within twenty-four hours of receipt of the request for services when the request is submitted at least twenty-four hours prior to discharge from an inpatient admission. Notification of continued or extended services shall include the number of extended services approved, the new total of approved services, the date of onset of services and the next review date.

(b) Provided that a request for home health care services and all necessary information is submitted to the utilization review agent prior to discharge from an inpatient hospital admission pursuant to this subdivision, a utilization review agent shall not deny, on the basis of medical necessity or lack of prior authorization, coverage for home health care services while a determination by the utilization review agent is pending.

(c) Provided that a request for inpatient treatment for [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder is submitted to the utilization review agent at least twenty-four hours prior to discharge from

an inpatient admission pursuant to this subdivision, a utilization review agent shall not deny, on the basis of medical necessity or lack of prior authorization, coverage for the inpatient [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder treatment while a determination by the utilization review agent is pending.

§ 32. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of section 4904 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 371 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

(c) potential court-ordered mental health and/or [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder services pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision two of section forty-nine hundred three of this title. Such process shall include mechanisms which facilitate resolution of the appeal including but not limited to the sharing of information from the enrollee's health care provider and the utilization review agent by telephonic means or by facsimile. The utilization review agent shall provide reasonable access to its clinical peer reviewer within one business day of receiving notice of the taking of an expedited appeal. Expedited appeals shall be determined within two business days of receipt of necessary information to conduct such appeal except, with respect to inpatient [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder treatment provided pursuant to paragraph (c) of subdivision three of section forty-nine hundred three of this title, expedited appeals shall be determined within twenty-four hours of receipt of such appeal. Expedited appeals which do not result in a resolution satisfactory to the appealing party may be further appealed through the standard appeal process, or through the external appeal process pursuant to section forty-nine hundred fourteen of this article as applicable. Provided that the enrollee or the enrollee's health care provider files an expedited internal and external appeal within twenty-four hours from receipt of an adverse determination for inpatient [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder treatment for which coverage was provided while the initial utilization review determination was pending pursuant to paragraph (c) of subdivision three of section forty-nine hundred three of this title, a utilization review agent shall not deny on the basis of medical necessity or lack of prior authorization such [~~substance use~~] **substance-related and addictive** disorder treatment while a determination by the utilization review agent or external appeal agent is pending.

§ 33. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027 and shall apply to policies issued, renewed or modified on or after such date.

PART S

Section 1. Subdivision 10 of section 553 of the executive law is REPEALED.

§ 2. This act shall take effect April 1, 2026.

PART T

Section 1. Section 5 of part ZZ of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020 amending the tax law and the social services law relating to certain Medicaid management, as amended by section 2 of part D of chapter 57 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately [~~and~~]**; provided, however, that sections two and three of this act** shall be deemed repealed [~~eight years after such effective date~~] **March 31, 2026**.

§ 2. Subdivision 2 of section 605 of the public health law, as amended by section 2 of part E of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

2. State aid reimbursement for public health services provided by a municipality under this title, shall be made if the municipality is providing some or all of the core public health services identified in section six hundred two of this title, pursuant to an approved application for state aid, at a rate of no less than thirty-six per centum[~~, except for the city of New York which shall receive no less than twenty per centum,~~] of the difference between the amount of moneys expended by the municipality for public health services required by section six hundred two of this title during the fiscal year and the base grant provided pursuant to subdivision one of this section. Provided, however, that a municipality's documented fringe benefit costs submitted under an application for state aid and otherwise eligible for reimbursement under this article shall not exceed fifty per centum of the municipality's eligible personnel services. No such reimbursement shall be provided for services that are not eligible for state aid pursuant to this article.

§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 616 of the public health law, as amended by section 2 of part O of chapter 57 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

1. The total amount of state aid provided pursuant to this article shall be limited to the amount of the annual appropriation made by the legislature. In no event, however, shall such state aid be less than an amount to provide the full base grant and, as otherwise provided by subdivision two of section six hundred five of this article, no less than thirty-six per centum[~~, except for the city of New York which shall receive no less than twenty per centum,~~] of the difference between the amount of moneys expended by the municipality for eligible public health services pursuant to an approved application for state aid during the fiscal year and the base grant provided pursuant to subdivision one of section six hundred five of this article.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

PART U

Section 1. Section 48-a of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2013 amending the public health law and other laws relating to general hospital reimbursement for annual rates, as amended by section 1 of part LL of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

§ 48-a. 1. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the commissioners of the office of addiction services and supports and the office of mental health are authorized, subject to the approval of the director of the budget, to transfer to the commissioner of health state funds to be utilized as the state share for the purpose of increasing payments under the medicaid program to managed care organizations licensed under article 44 of the public health law or under article 43 of the insurance law. Such managed care organizations shall utilize such funds for the purpose of reimbursing providers licensed pursuant to article 28 of the public health law or article 36, 31 or 32 of the mental hygiene law for ambulatory behavioral health services, as determined by the commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioner of addiction services and supports and the commissioner of the office of mental health, provided to medicaid enrolled outpatients and for all other behavioral health services except inpatient included in New York state's Medicaid

redesign waiver approved by the centers for medicare and Medicaid services (CMS). Such reimbursement shall be in the form of fees for such services which are equivalent to the payments established for such services under the ambulatory patient group (APG) rate-setting methodology as utilized by the department of health, the office of addiction services and supports, or the office of mental health for rate-setting purposes or any such other fees pursuant to the Medicaid state plan or otherwise approved by CMS in the Medicaid redesign waiver; provided, however, that the increase to such fees that shall result from the provisions of this section shall not, in the aggregate and as determined by the commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioner of addiction services and supports and the commissioner of the office of mental health, be greater than the increased funds made available pursuant to this section. The increase of such ambulatory behavioral health fees to providers available under this section shall be for all rate periods on and after the effective date of section [~~18~~] 1 of part [~~E~~] LL of chapter 57 of the laws of [~~2019~~] 2022 through March 31, [~~2027~~] 2031 for patients in the city of New York, for all rate periods on and after the effective date of section [~~18~~] 1 of part [~~E~~] LL of chapter 57 of the laws of [~~2019~~] 2022 through March 31, [~~2027~~] 2031 for patients outside the city of New York, and for all rate periods on and after the effective date of such chapter through March 31, [~~2027~~] 2031 for all services provided to persons under the age of twenty-one; provided, however, the commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioner of addiction services and supports and the commissioner of mental health, may require, as a condition of approval of such ambulatory behavioral health fees, that aggregate managed care expenditures to eligible providers meet the alternative payment methodology requirements as set forth in attachment I of the New York state medicaid section one thousand one hundred fifteen medicaid redesign team waiver as approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid services. The commissioner of health shall, in consultation with the commissioner of addiction services and supports and the commissioner of mental health, waive such conditions if a sufficient number of providers, as determined by the commissioner, suffer a financial hardship as a consequence of such alternative payment methodology requirements, or if [~~he or she~~] such commissioner shall determine that such alternative payment methodologies significantly threaten individuals access to ambulatory behavioral health services. Such waiver may be applied on a provider specific or industry wide basis. Further, such conditions may be waived, as the commissioner determines necessary, to comply with federal rules or regulations governing these payment methodologies. Nothing in this section shall prohibit managed care organizations and providers from negotiating different rates and methods of payment during such periods described above, subject to the approval of the department of health. The department of health shall consult with the office of addiction services and supports and the office of mental health in determining whether such alternative rates shall be approved. The commissioner of health may, in consultation with the commissioner of addiction services and supports and the commissioner of the office of mental health, promulgate regulations, including emergency regulations promulgated prior to October 1, 2015 to establish rates for ambulatory behavioral health services, as are necessary to implement the provisions of this section. Rates promulgated under this section shall be included in the report required under section 45-c of part A of this chapter.

2. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the fees paid by managed care organizations licensed under article 44 of the public health law or under article 43 of the insurance law, to providers licensed pursuant to article 28 of the public health law or article 36, 31 or 32 of the mental hygiene law, for ambulatory behavioral health services provided to patients enrolled in the child health insurance program pursuant to title 1-A of article 25 of the public health law, shall be in the form of fees for such services which are equivalent to the payments established for such services under the ambulatory patient group (APG) rate-setting methodology or any such other fees established pursuant to the Medicaid state plan. The commissioner of health shall consult with the commissioner of addiction services and supports and the commissioner of the office of mental health in determining such services and establishing such fees. Such ambulatory behavioral health fees to providers available under this section shall be for all rate periods on and after the effective date of this chapter through March 31, [~~2027~~] **2031**, provided, however, that managed care organizations and providers may negotiate different rates and methods of payment during such periods described above, subject to the approval of the department of health. The department of health shall consult with the office of addiction services and supports and the office of mental health in determining whether such alternative rates shall be approved. The report required under section 16-a of part C of chapter 60 of the laws of 2014 shall also include the population of patients enrolled in the child health insurance program pursuant to title 1-A of article 25 of the public health law in its examination on the transition of behavioral health services into managed care.

§ 2. Section 1 of part H of chapter 111 of the laws of 2010 relating to increasing Medicaid payments to providers through managed care organizations and providing equivalent fees through an ambulatory patient group methodology, as amended by section 2 of part LL of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. a. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the commissioners of mental health and addiction services and supports are authorized, subject to the approval of the director of the budget, to transfer to the commissioner of health state funds to be utilized as the state share for the purpose of increasing payments under the medicaid program to managed care organizations licensed under article 44 of the public health law or under article 43 of the insurance law. Such managed care organizations shall utilize such funds for the purpose of reimbursing providers licensed pursuant to article 28 of the public health law, or pursuant to article 36, 31 or article 32 of the mental hygiene law for ambulatory behavioral health services, as determined by the commissioner of health in consultation with the commissioner of mental health and commissioner of addiction services and supports, provided to medicaid enrolled outpatients and for all other behavioral health services except inpatient included in New York state's Medicaid redesign waiver approved by the centers for medicare and Medicaid services (CMS). Such reimbursement shall be in the form of fees for such services which are equivalent to the payments established for such services under the ambulatory patient group (APG) rate-setting methodology as utilized by the department of health or by the office of mental health or office of addiction services and supports for rate-setting purposes or any such other fees pursuant to the Medicaid state plan or otherwise approved by CMS in the Medicaid redesign waiver; provided, however, that the increase to such fees that shall result from the provisions of this

section shall not, in the aggregate and as determined by the commissioner of health in consultation with the commissioners of mental health and addiction services and supports, be greater than the increased funds made available pursuant to this section. The increase of such behavioral health fees to providers available under this section shall be for all rate periods on and after the effective date of section [~~19~~] 2 of part [~~E~~] LL of chapter 57 of the laws of [~~2019~~] 2022 through March 31, [~~2027~~] 2031 for patients in the city of New York, for all rate periods on and after the effective date of section [~~19~~] 2 of part [~~E~~] LL of chapter 57 of the laws of [~~2019~~] 2022 through March 31, [~~2027~~] 2031 for patients outside the city of New York, and for all rate periods on and after the effective date of section [~~19~~] 2 of part [~~E~~] LL of chapter 57 of the laws of [~~2019~~] 2022 through March 31, [~~2027~~] 2031 for all services provided to persons under the age of twenty-one; provided, however, the commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioner of addiction services and supports and the commissioner of mental health, may require, as a condition of approval of such ambulatory behavioral health fees, that aggregate managed care expenditures to eligible providers meet the alternative payment methodology requirements as set forth in attachment I of the New York state medicaid section one thousand one hundred fifteen medicaid redesign team waiver as approved by the centers for medicare and medicaid services. The commissioner of health shall, in consultation with the commissioner of addiction services and supports and the commissioner of mental health, waive such conditions if a sufficient number of providers, as determined by the commissioner, suffer a financial hardship as a consequence of such alternative payment methodology requirements, or if [~~he or she~~] such commissioner shall determine that such alternative payment methodologies significantly threaten individuals access to ambulatory behavioral health services. Such waiver may be applied on a provider specific or industry wide basis. Further, such conditions may be waived, as the commissioner determines necessary, to comply with federal rules or regulations governing these payment methodologies. Nothing in this section shall prohibit managed care organizations and providers from negotiating different rates and methods of payment during such periods described, subject to the approval of the department of health. The department of health shall consult with the office of addiction services and supports and the office of mental health in determining whether such alternative rates shall be approved. The commissioner of health may, in consultation with the commissioners of mental health and addiction services and supports, promulgate regulations, including emergency regulations promulgated prior to October 1, 2013 that establish rates for behavioral health services, as are necessary to implement the provisions of this section. Rates promulgated under this section shall be included in the report required under section 45-c of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2013.

b. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the fees paid by managed care organizations licensed under article 44 of the public health law or under article 43 of the insurance law, to providers licensed pursuant to article 28 of the public health law or article 36, 31 or 32 of the mental hygiene law, for ambulatory behavioral health services provided to patients enrolled in the child health insurance program pursuant to title 1-A of article 25 of the public health law, shall be in the form of fees for such services which are equivalent to the payments established for such services under the ambulatory patient group (APG) rate-setting methodology. The commissioner of health shall

consult with the commissioner of addiction services and supports and the commissioner of the office of mental health in determining such services and establishing such fees. Such ambulatory behavioral health fees to providers available under this section shall be for all rate periods on and after the effective date of this chapter through March 31, [~~2027~~] **2031**, provided, however, that managed care organizations and providers may negotiate different rates and methods of payment during such periods described above, subject to the approval of the department of health. The department of health shall consult with the office of addiction services and supports and the office of mental health in determining whether such alternative rates shall be approved. The report required under section 16-a of part C of chapter 60 of the laws of 2014 shall also include the population of patients enrolled in the child health insurance program pursuant to title 1-A of article 25 of the public health law in its examination on the transition of behavioral health services into managed care.

§ 3. Section 2 of part H of chapter 111 of the laws of 2010 relating to increasing Medicaid payments to providers through managed care organizations and providing equivalent fees through an ambulatory patient group methodology, as amended by section 3 of part LL of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2010, and shall expire on March 31, [~~2027~~] **2031**.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however that the amendments to section 1 of part H of chapter 111 of the laws of 2010 relating to increasing Medicaid payments to providers through managed care organizations and providing equivalent fees through an ambulatory patient group methodology, made by section two of this act shall not affect the expiration of such section and shall expire therewith.

§ 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such invalid provisions had not been included herein.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that the applicable effective date of Parts A through S of this act shall be as specifically set forth in the last section of such Parts.