STATE OF NEW YORK

10258

IN ASSEMBLY

February 12, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing prescribed pediatric extended care centers; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new article 44-A, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 44-A

PRESCRIBED PEDIATRIC EXTENDED CARE CENTERS

Section 4450. Legislative intent.
4451. Establishment and authorization.
4452. Regulatory authority.
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§ 4450. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby finds that medically fragile children, as defined in section four thousand four hundred one of this chapter, often require continual skilled nursing and therapeutic care which cannot be adequately provided in home or school settings alone. It is therefore the intent of the legislature to authorize and regulate prescribed pediatric extended care centers that provide coordinated, comprehensive, nonresidential supportive services to such children and their families under the supervision of the department.

§ 4451. Establishment and authorization. 1. The department is hereby authorized and directed to establish and administer a program for the certification, operation, and oversight of prescribed pediatric extended care centers.

2. The commissioner may approve up to two centers for operation within the state, at least one of which shall be located within one of the five boroughs of the city of New York.

3. A prescribed pediatric extended care center shall be a nonresidential facility that provides supportive services to medically stable and medically complex children who require continual nursing care.

4. Each such center shall provide, at a minimum:

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

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(a) medical and skilled nursing services including, but not limited to, ventilator and tracheostomy management, suctioning, oxygen therapy, nebulizer treatments, enteral feeding and tube care, apnea monitoring, central-line and port care, ostomy management, medication administration, bladder catheterization and irrigation, shunt monitoring, seizure assessment and management, skilled assessment, and emergency protocols;

(b) early-intervention and developmental therapies, including physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy; and

(c) psychosocial, nutritional, and other supportive services as the department may require.

§ 4452. Regulatory authority. 1. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this article. Such regulations shall include, but not be limited to, standards for:

(a) the establishment, certification, and renewal of prescribed pediatric extended care centers;

(b) minimum staffing qualifications and ratios;

(c) health, safety, and infection-control requirements;

(d) clinical documentation, quality-assurance, and reporting obligations; and

(e) inspection, enforcement, and penalty procedures consistent with sections twelve and twelve-b of this chapter.

2. The department shall have all powers necessary to implement and enforce this article, including the authority to issue guidance, enter into contracts, collect data, and take such actions as may be necessary to protect the health and safety of children served by such centers.

§ 4453. Reporting. The commissioner shall report to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, and the temporary president of the senate on or before September thirtieth, two thousand thirty, on the clinical and cost-effectiveness of the program and any legislative or regulatory recommendations.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed March 31, 2031.