STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 4, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring a physician who treats a minor patient with a medical condition to provide certain educational information to such patient's parents or guardians

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Shepherd Patterson notification act of 2026".

§ 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2500-n to read as follows:

§ 2500-n. Information on education accommodations for a minor patient with a medical condition that may cause a disability. 1. On or before July first, two thousand twenty-six, the department, in consultation with the department of education, shall develop an informational electronic notice and resource for practitioners to provide to the parents or guardians of a patient under the age of eighteen with a medical condition that may create a disability for the patient as defined under section five hundred four of the federal rehabilitation act of nineteen hundred seventy-three. Such electronic notice shall indicate that such minor may be entitled to a free and appropriate public education as defined under section five hundred four of the federal rehabilitation act of nineteen hundred seventy-three, as amended, which may include accommodations for the delivery of programs and services for eligible students with disabilities. Such written information shall also state that the parent, guardian, or person in a parental relationship with the patient should contact their school to discuss possible accommodations for the patient and the benefits of sharing potentially life-saving emergency medical information with school personnel.

2. The department shall ensure that such electronic notice is made available through a secure electronic portal and is provided to the parent or guardian at the time of patient consent for treatment or diagnosis. Proof of access or acknowledgment through the portal shall satisfy the requirements of this section.

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

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3. A practitioner may provide the parent and/or guardian of the patient with the informational electronic notice and resource developed pursuant to this section.

4. The electronic portal may include links to relevant state and federal resources, including but not limited to special education services, early intervention programs, procedural safeguards, and parent advocacy supports.

5. The department shall ensure that the electronic notice is accessible, including the provision of language access services and accommodations for individuals with disabilities, consistent with state and federal accessibility standards.

6. For purposes of this section, "practitioner" means a health care professional licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to practice under the education law, acting within the scope of practice.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth 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.