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Introduced by M. of A. WOERNER, SIMPSON, HEVESI, LUPARDO, K. BROWN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. WALSH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to establishing an intensive addiction and medical services integrated services pilot program; 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 mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 19.18-d to read as follows:

§ 19.18-d Intensive addiction and medical services integrated services pilot program.

1. Within the funds appropriated to the office, a pilot program shall be established to support two three-year demonstration programs that provide intensive addiction and medical services integrated services to individuals who have significant addiction and medical issues. One of the demonstration programs shall be located in a rural area and one shall be located in an urban setting as determined by the commissioner. The services provided shall include but not be limited to intensive physical health care services, addiction counseling for both the individual with significant addiction and medical issues and their family, peer supports, and transportation assistance. Such services shall be primarily provided in a treatment facility certified by the office or, as clinically and socially necessitated, in the community or home of the individual receiving such services. Such funding may also be used to build a new facility or modify an existing facility for the purposes of such demonstration programs.

2. Not later than June thirtieth of the year following the enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall provide the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the minority leader

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

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of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the assembly, the chair of the senate standing committee on alcoholism and substance abuse, and the chair of the assembly committee on alcoholism and drug abuse with a written evaluation of the demonstration programs established pursuant to subdivision one of this section. Such evaluation shall, at a minimum, address the overall effectiveness of such demonstration programs, identify best practices for services provided under the demonstration programs and any additional services that may be appropriate within each type of program operated, regulated, funded, or approved by the office, address whether continuation or expansion of the pilot program established by subdivision one of this section is recommended, and identify any changes needed in existing medicaid or private insurance reimbursement models. The written evaluation shall be made publicly available on the office's website.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding the fiscal year in which this act shall have become a law and shall expire March 31 of the third succeeding fiscal year thereafter when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on or before its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.