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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. LUNSFORD, MEEKS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to a dental health demonstration project; 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 social services law is amended by adding a new section 368-g to read as follows:

§ 368-g. Dental health demonstration project. The department shall authorize a five-year demonstration project in the county of Monroe for the purpose of providing reimbursement to providers for eligible dental diagnostic services for eligible populations. Such populations shall include pregnant persons and postpartum persons for the period of twelve months following birth that are enrolled in medical assistance under this title. Such diagnostic services shall include clinical diagnostic services facilitated by artificial intelligence to treat existing dental problems, testing, self-direct imagery or patient encounters for the purpose of following up on any of the aforementioned. The demonstration project shall utilize community health workers for the purpose of education, data collection and training of the eligible population. The department shall set rates of payment for such diagnostic services on a per diem basis. The department shall ensure that services provided under this demonstration project are not duplicative of currently covered services. Funding for such demonstration shall be up to six hundred thousand dollars annually, subject to appropriation. At the conclusion of the demonstration the participating provider shall provide a report to the department of health on the evaluation, efficacy, cost-savings, if any, and health outcomes of the demonstration project.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed 5 years after such date.

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

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