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

AN ACT to amend the social services law and the public health law, in relation to a special needs assisted living demonstration program

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 461-1 of the social services law  
2 is amended by adding a new paragraph (o) to read as follows:

3 (o) Notwithstanding paragraph (m) of this subdivision, the commissioner shall establish a special needs assisted living demonstration program to authorize up to three assisted living programs throughout the state to serve individuals with special needs, including, but not limited to, individuals with dementia or cognitive impairments. Each participating assisted living program shall submit information as determined by the commissioner to analyze the feasibility, efficiency and the potential for cost savings associated with providing care to the population under the demonstration program. No later than two years after the effective date of this paragraph, the commissioner shall submit a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly analyzing the cost and efficiency of the special needs assisted living demonstration program.

16 § 2. Subdivision 6 of section 3614 of the public health law is amended  
17 by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

18 (d) The commissioner shall adjust medical assistance rates of payment for services provided by assisted living programs participating in a demonstration program pursuant to paragraph (o) of subdivision three of section four hundred sixty-one-1 of the social services law to serve individuals with special needs, including, but not limited to, individuals with dementia or cognitive impairments. Such rates shall be sufficient to cover the provision of specialized services, staffing levels, staff education and training, work experience, professional affiliations

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

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1 or special characteristics relevant to serving persons with special  
2 needs, and any environmental modifications that have been made or will  
3 be made to protect the health, safety and welfare of such persons.

4 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.