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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. RIVERA, BORRELLO, MAY, ROLISON, SALAZAR, SEPULVEDA, WEBB, WEIK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the definition of practice of pharmacy; 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:

1 Section 1. Section 6801 of the education law is amended by adding a  
2 new subdivision 7-a to read as follows:

3 7-a. (a) A licensed pharmacist may initiate treatment for COVID-19,  
4 influenza, and pharyngitis resulting from a Group A streptococcal  
5 infection upon a positive test result conducted pursuant to subdivision  
6 seven of this section. Such treatment shall be provided pursuant to a  
7 statewide protocol developed by the department of health. Such protocol  
8 shall address issues including but not limited to patient safety, record  
9 keeping, referral for treatment and continuity of care, case reporting  
10 to the patient's primary care or other health care providers. The proto-  
11 col shall also include procedures for appropriate referrals for any  
12 patient that requires additional treatment or experiences an adverse  
13 reaction to the treatment authorized pursuant to this subdivision.

14 (b) A pharmacist initiating treatment under this protocol shall at a  
15 minimum: (i) inquire of each patient whether the patient has a primary  
16 care provider or other health care provider that the patient regularly  
17 sees; and (ii) maintain and regularly update a list of local primary  
18 care providers including those located in the applicable zip code area  
19 and adjacent zip code areas of the pharmacy. This list shall be provided  
20 to each patient who indicates that the patient does not have a primary  
21 care provider.

22 (c) The department of health shall produce, maintain, and periodically  
23 update a list of primary care providers on its website, in searchable

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

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1 form that shall include relevant zip codes of the providers. The list  
2 developed by the department of health shall identify preferred providers  
3 who have achieved recognition as a patient centered medical home (PCMH)  
4 or other similar designation and a description of what such designation  
5 means. The list shall include federally qualified health centers and  
6 other providers who serve Medicaid, low-income and uninsured patients,  
7 and people with disabilities and shall identify cultural and linguistic  
8 capabilities when available.

9 (d) A pharmacist shall retain a record of the test result and treat-  
10 ment as part of the patient record and shall at a minimum provide a  
11 report of the test result and treatment to the patient's designated  
12 physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner, unless otherwise  
13 directed by the patient.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
15 deemed repealed April 1, 2028.