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Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Use Disorders -- recommitted to the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Use Disorders in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to reimbursement for non-medical transportation for individuals with a substance use disorder to receive peer support services

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 Reimbursement for transportation to peer support services.

The office shall establish reimbursement rates for non-medical transportation for individuals with a substance use disorder to receive services from a peer certified by the office of addiction services and supports. As part of the development of such rates, the office, in consultation with the department of health, shall pursue federal Medicaid participation and reimbursement. The office shall also consider the use of any federal grants, including state opioid response grants and supplemental substance abuse prevention and treatment block grants, to support such reimbursement. Such reimbursement rates shall be established by April first, two thousand twenty-seven.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth 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.

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

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