

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

February 14, 2025

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Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to prohibiting nursing homes and care facilities from denying admission to individuals receiving a controlled substance medication for a substance use disorder

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 2803-c of the public health law is  
2 amended by adding a new paragraph s to read as follows:

3 s. No nursing home or facility providing health related services,  
4 which is registered with the state of New York and registered with the  
5 federal Drug Enforcement Agency, that maintains a stock of, and directly  
6 dispenses, controlled substance medications, as defined in section thir-  
7 ty-three hundred six of this chapter, shall deny admission to an indi-  
8 vidual who is receiving a controlled substance medication for a  
9 substance use disorder.

10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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