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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

March 6, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. PIROZZOLO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Aging

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to tying the cost of living adjustment to the consumer price index for pharmaceutical insurance coverage

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

Section 1. Section 254 of the elder law as amended by section 19 of part T of chapter 56 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

§ 254. Cost of living adjustment. 1. [~~Within amounts appropriated, the~~] **The** commissioner of health shall **annually** adjust the program eligibility standards set forth in subdivision two of section two hundred forty-two of this title to account for increases in the cost of living. **Such increase shall not exceed the consumer price index (all items United States city average) for the previous year.**

2. The commissioner shall further adjust individual and joint income categories set forth in subdivisions two and four of section two hundred forty-eight of this title to conform to the adjustments made pursuant to subdivision one of this section.

3. The commissioner shall annually adjust the program eligibility standards set forth in subdivision one of section two hundred forty-two of this title to account for increases in the cost of living. Such increase shall not exceed the consumer price index (all items United States city average) for the previous year.

4. The commissioner shall further adjust individual and joint income categories set forth in subdivisions two and four of section two hundred forty-seven of this title to conform to the adjustments made pursuant to subdivision three of this section.

§ 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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