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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring the department of health to facilitate the exchange of data between the state prescription drug program and electronic health records

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 3343-a of the
2 public health law, as added by section 2 of part A of chapter 447 of the
3 laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

4 (c) The registry shall be secure, easily accessible by practitioners
5 and pharmacists, and compatible with the electronic transmission of
6 prescriptions for controlled substances, as required by section two
7 hundred eighty-one of this chapter, and section sixty-eight hundred ten
8 of the education law, and any regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.
9 To the extent practicable, implementation of the electronic transmission
10 of prescriptions for controlled substances shall serve to streamline
11 consultation of the registry by practitioners and reporting of
12 prescription information by pharmacists. The registry shall be interoper-
13 able with other similar registries operated by federal or state
14 governments, to the extent deemed appropriate by the commissioner, and
15 subject to the provisions of section thirty-three hundred seventy-one-a
16 of this article. The commissioner shall promulgate regulations allowing
17 for any electronic health records integration vendor to obtain state
18 approval to facilitate interoperability between the prescription moni-
19 toring program registry and certified electronic health records systems
20 that can connect with any national data sharing hub. Such approvals
21 should optimize the ability of prescribers and pharmacists to choose
22 their desired integration technology at no additional cost to the state.
23 Such interoperability shall:

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

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1 (i) enable prescribers and pharmacists to access the prescription
2 monitoring program registry data directly through their certified elec-
3 tronic health records system or pharmacy dispensing software, including
4 via integration technology in place between the prescription monitoring
5 program registry or national data sharing hub and their certified elec-
6 tronic health records system or pharmacy dispensing software;

7 (ii) enable prescribers and pharmacists to visualize the prescription
8 monitoring program registry data in an integrated manner;

9 (iii) maintain an information security program that complies with
10 industry-standard security and privacy frameworks; specifically, main-
11 tain a current SOC 2 Type II attestation performed by a third-party
12 auditor; and maintain HITRUST CSF certification or demonstrate equiv-
13 alent controls consistent with the HITRUST framework;

14 (iv) ensure secure transmission and access to data consistent with
15 applicable state and federal privacy laws, including the Health Insur-
16 ance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA); and

17 (v) in order to maximize efficiency and limit costs, be enabled to the
18 greatest extent possible through the existing prescription monitoring
19 program technology infrastructure.

20 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.