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Introduced by Sens. CLEARE, SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Health 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 public health law, in relation to add-on payment for pediatric practices that implement the HealthySteps model

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

Section 1. Legislative intent. In order to improve quality and promote access to team-based care, it is the policy of the state to encourage HealthySteps implementation in pediatric practices for the purpose of increasing access to evidenced-based screenings, health promotion and prevention services, and connections to supports for the family.

§ 2. Section 2807 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 22 to read as follows:

22. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, and subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this subdivision and to the availability of federal financial participation, the commissioner shall establish or approve an add-on rate for pediatric practices implementing the HealthySteps model, for the purposes of advancing pediatric screenings, promotion of behavioral health, and prevention and treatment of behavioral health issues in children. For federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics, the HealthySteps payment add-on shall be paid in addition to the health center's prospective payment system rate or payments received under the ambulatory patient group reimbursement methodology. Revenue from the add-on shall be excluded from managed care visit and revenue reports and shall not be considered in the calculation or determination of supplemental wrap-around payments.

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

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(b) To be eligible for the rate add-on established or approved pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision, a pediatric practice that implements HealthySteps shall be on track or meet HealthySteps specific fidelity criteria.

(c) For the purposes of this subdivision, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(i) "Pediatric practice" means a clinic providing pediatric care, as defined by section three thousand seventy-three of this chapter.

(ii) "HealthySteps model" means the nationally recognized model of care that is organized into three tiers of service and eight core components to help families in practices. Services can be offered to children ages birth up to their sixth birthday aligned with their needs.

§ 3. This act shall take effect April 1, 2026. 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.