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SYNOPSIS

Establishes New Jersey Maternal Stroke Prevention and Preeclampsia Protection Initiative in DOH.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Maternal Stroke Prevention and
2 Preeclampsia Protection Initiative and supplementing Title 26 of
3 the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. The Commissioner of Health shall establish the New
9 Jersey Maternal Stroke Prevention and Preeclampsia Protection
10 Initiative in the Department of Health. The purpose of the initiative
11 shall be to identify and implement new, and expand existing,
12 measures and legislative proposals, including those currently being
13 employed in healthcare settings, that would help prevent adverse
14 pregnancy outcomes related to hypertensive disorders.

15 b. The initiative shall require a licensed health care professional
16 who provides maternity care services to a patient to:

17 (1) conduct a standardized preeclampsia, hypertension, and
18 stroke risk assessment during pregnancy, the postpartum period, and
19 prior to discharge following the end of the patient's pregnancy;

20 (2) conduct blood pressure monitoring during the postpartum
21 period for the patient when medically appropriate, during an office
22 visit or remotely, and schedule a follow up visit, during an office
23 visit or via telehealth, within seven to 10 days postpartum if the
24 patient is diagnosed with a hypertensive disorder related to
25 pregnancy; and

26 (3) receive training in, and complete continuing education on:
27 how to recognize preeclampsia, postpartum hypertension, and
28 maternal stroke; evidence-based treatment guidelines; and strategies
29 to prevent adverse pregnancy outcomes related to hypertensive
30 disorders;

31 c. As part of the initiative established pursuant to subsection a.
32 of this act, the Commissioner of Health shall:

33 (1) create a public awareness campaign to educate pregnant
34 persons and their families about preeclampsia, maternal stroke, high
35 blood pressure during pregnancy, and postpartum hypertension and
36 the importance of seeking care to prevent adverse pregnancy
37 outcomes related to such hypertensive disorders; and

38 (2) identify the methods needed to implement new, and expand
39 existing, measures and legislative proposals, including those
40 currently being employed in healthcare settings, deemed necessary
41 to achieve the purpose of the initiative as enumerated in subsection
42 a. of this section.

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44 2. a. The Commissioner of Health shall report to the Governor,
45 and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164
46 (C.52:14-19.1), on the initiative no later than two years after the
47 date that the initiative becomes operational.

