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PUBLIC HEALTH LAW
ARTICLE 40. HOSPICE

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NY CLS Pub Health § 4012-b (2003)

§ 4012-b. Hospice palliative care program for persons with advanced and progressive disease

1. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this article to the contrary, a hospice may also offer a program of palliative care for patients with advanced and progressive disease and their families. Such a program may be provided by a hospice issued a certificate of approval pursuant to section forty hundred four of this article, acting alone or under contract with a certified home health agency, long term home health care program, licensed home care services agency or AIDS home care program, as such terms are defined in section thirty-six hundred two of this chapter. Nothing in this section shall preclude the provision of palliative care by any other health care provider otherwise authorized to provide such services.

2. For the purposes of this section the following terms shall mean:

(a) "Advanced and progressive disease" means a medical condition which is irreversible and which will continue indefinitely, where there is no reasonable hope of maintaining life.

(b) "Palliative care" means the active, interdisciplinary care of patients with advanced, life-limiting illness, focusing on relief of distressing physical and psychosocial symptoms and meeting spiritual needs. Its goal is achievement of the best quality of life for patients and families.

3. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this section to the contrary, no government agency shall purchase, pay for or make reimbursements or grants-in-aid for services authorized pursuant to this section.

HISTORY: Add, L 2002, ch 195, § 1, eff July 23, 2002.

NOTES:

EDITOR'S NOTES:

Laws 2002, ch 195, § 2, eff July 23, 2002, provides as follows:

§ 2. Nothing in this legislation shall be construed to mandate or prescribe additional health insurance coverage.

RESEARCH REFERENCES AND PRACTICE AIDS:

40 Am Jur 2d, Hospitals and Asylums § 5