



STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
ALBANY 12224

APPROVAL # 71  
CHAPTER # 748

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MEMORANDUM filed with Assembly Bill 7365, entitled:

“AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to licensure requirements and reimbursements for certain home health services”

A P P R O V E D

This bill would permit local health departments to provide core public health services in a patient's home without being subject to licensure as a home care agency under Article 36 of the Public Health Law. It would give the Commissioner of the Department of Health the authority to determine whether the scope of services being provided by a local health department exceeds the scope of core public health services, in which case licensure as a home care agency would be required.

I support the goals of this bill, which would enable local health departments to provide critical services such as immunizations, lead screenings, and checks on new mothers and their babies within the home. Licensure as a home care agency comes with oversight and reporting obligations that are not directly relevant to the performance of these services. This bill was drafted to apply such licensure exemption only when the core public services are provided by nurses. Changes were necessary as some of the services are frequently provided by health care workers who are not licensed as nurses.

I have reached an agreement with the Legislature to enact those changes. Based on this agreement, I am pleased to sign this bill.

This bill is approved.

*Kathy Hochul*