

26 381.825 Education and public awareness relating to
 27 Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia.-

28 (1) This section may be cited as the "Ramping up Education
 29 of Alzheimer's and Dementia for You (READY) Act."

30 (2) The Department of Health shall, through existing,
 31 relevant public health and community outreach programs, educate
 32 health care providers licensed under chapters 458, 459, and 464
 33 regarding all of the following information:

34 (a) The importance of early detection and timely diagnosis
 35 of Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia.

36 (b) Using a validated cognitive assessment tool.

37 (c) The value and effectiveness of the Medicare annual
 38 wellness visit in detecting Alzheimer's disease and related
 39 forms of dementia.

40 (d) Using Medicare advance care planning billing codes for
 41 persons with Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia.

42 (e) Reducing the risk of cognitive decline, particularly
 43 among persons in diverse communities who are at greater risk of
 44 developing Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia.

45 (3)(a) The Department of Health shall encourage health
 46 care providers and health care facilities, including, but not
 47 limited to, physicians, nurses, hospitals, rural health
 48 networks, and county health departments to prominently display
 49 information relating to Alzheimer's disease and related forms of
 50 dementia, including the information specified in subsection (2).

51 (b) The department shall also encourage health care
52 providers to discuss the risks of Alzheimer's disease and
53 related forms of dementia with patients 60 years of age and
54 older.

55 (4) The Department of Health shall post on its website
56 resources and a link to the federal Centers for Disease Control
57 and Prevention's website for information regarding Alzheimer's
58 disease and related forms of dementia.

59 (5) The Department of Health may fund mobile and virtual
60 outreach programs, using available federal and state funds
61 appropriated for that purpose, which prioritize persons in
62 underserved communities and provide information promoting public
63 awareness of Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia,
64 including, but not limited to, brain health, risk reduction,
65 early detection, and early diagnosis. The mobile and virtual
66 outreach programs may also provide resources regarding
67 Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia to the public
68 and referrals to the Department of Elderly Affairs.

69 (6) The Department of Health shall collaborate with other
70 state agencies, including the Department of Elderly Affairs;
71 associations or organizations, including the Alzheimer's
72 Association; and public or private institutions to create a
73 systematic approach for educating health care providers and
74 promoting public awareness of Alzheimer's disease and related
75 forms of dementia.

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76 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022. |