

Amendment to SB 454-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to public health outreach by the department of health and human services
4 regarding awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 New Paragraph; Department of Health and Human Services; Public Health Outreach;
9 Awareness of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias. Amend RSA 126-A:5 by inserting after
10 paragraph XXVII the following new paragraph:

11 XXVII-a.(a) Subject to available resources, the commissioner shall direct the bureau of adult
12 and aging services to collaborate with the division of public health to update and incorporate into
13 existing relevant public health outreach programs, the following information electronically to aid
14 people's understanding and awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and to improve
15 public health regarding:

16 (1) Early signs of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias that should be discussed
17 with health care professionals.

18 (2) The value of early detection and diagnosis.

19 (3) The relationship between Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and other chronic
20 health conditions.

21 (4) Lifestyle interventions that promote brain health and reduce the risk of cognitive
22 decline.

23 (b) The bureau of adult and aging services shall collaborate with the division of public
24 health to incorporate in existing relevant public health outreach programs information to educate
25 health care providers on:

26 (1) The importance of risk reduction, early detection, and timely diagnosis of
27 cognitive impairment.

28 (2) Validated cognitive assessment tools and biomarker tests for the detection and
29 diagnosis of cognitive impairment.

30 (3) The value of a Medicare annual wellness visit for cognitive health and the
31 Medicare care planning billing codes for individuals living with cognitive impairment.

32 (4) Information regarding FDA-approved treatments.

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1 (5) Resources available to individuals living with dementia and their families and
2 caregivers.

3 (c) The bureau of adult and aging services shall compile a report every 2 years regarding
4 the incorporation of Alzheimer's and dementia into the state public outreach programs that shall be
5 submitted to the subcommittee on Alzheimer's disease and other related dementias, established in
6 RSA 126-A:15-a, by September 1, 2027 and bi-annually thereafter.

7 (d) It is the intent of the legislature that the department apply for available federal or
8 private funds when such funds are appropriate and relevant to supporting the state's efforts to
9 implement this paragraph or the Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map, as described by the National
10 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as available resources and eligibility permit. Any such
11 federal funds obtained shall be utilized to support the state's efforts to fully integrate brain health
12 into public-health practice and reduce the risk and impact of Alzheimer's disease and other
13 dementias.

14 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of health and human services to engage in certain public health outreach regarding Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia.