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By The Public Advocate (Ms. James) and Council Members Eugene, Koo, Levine, Mendez, Rosenthal, Reynoso and Gibson

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to requiring signage regarding application processing and fair hearings at job centers, SNAP centers, and Medicaid offices.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-136 to read as follows:

§21-136. Signs regarding application processing and fair hearings. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1."Fair hearing" shall mean a hearing before an administrative law judge from the New York state office of temporary and disability assistance where individuals may contest a decision regarding their application for public assistance, food stamps, medical assistance, and home energy assistance program benefits and services;

2. "Job center" shall mean any New York city department of social services/human resources administration facility located within the five boroughs where individuals can apply for public assistance;

4. "Medicaid office" shall mean any New York city department of social services/human resources administration authorized facility located within the five boroughs where individuals can apply for Medicaid, family health plus or the Medicare savings program; and

3. "SNAP center" shall mean any New York city department of social services/human resources administration authorized facility located within the five boroughs where individuals can apply for the

supplemental nutrition assistance program.

b. The department shall post a sign, in a form and manner as prescribed by the rules of the commissioner, in one or more conspicuous locations inside every job center, Medicaid office, and SNAP center. Such sign shall include (i) the standard processing time for approval or denial of applications; and (ii) information regarding an applicant's right to a fair hearing and how to request one as prescribed by the rules of the commissioner.

§2. This local law shall take effect one hundred and twenty days after its enactment, except that the commissioner shall take all actions necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, prior to such effective date.

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