

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2025**

No. 126

Introduced by the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) and Council Members Won, Hanif, Bottcher, Restler, Hudson, Avilés, Farías, Rivera, Louis, Schulman, Cabán, Joseph, Brewer and De La Rosa.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to signage regarding patient rights and hospital services for transgender individuals

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-167.2 to read as follows:

§ 17-167.2 Signage regarding patient rights and hospital services for transgender individuals.

a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Gender-affirming health care. The term “gender-affirming health care” has the same meaning as the term “gender-affirming care” as set forth in paragraph 2 of subdivision a of section 10-184.1.

Hospital. The term “hospital” has the same meaning as the term “general hospital” as defined in subdivision 10 of section 2801 of the public health law.

Transgender. The term “transgender” means a person whose gender identity does not conform to the sex assigned at birth.

b. Transgender patient rights. The department shall design signs describing the rights of transgender patients and make such signs available to hospitals in the city. Such signs shall

include, but need not be limited to, information on an individual's right to be referred to by their preferred name, title, gender, and pronoun. The department shall post information about the rights of transgender patients on its website and make such information available in the designated citywide languages as defined in section 23-1101.

c. Transgender-specific services offered. To the extent practicable, the department shall:

1. Coordinate with hospitals in the city to identify the services offered by each hospital to meet the specific needs of transgender individuals, including, but not limited to, gender-affirming health care;

2. Provide guidance to hospitals in the city encouraging such hospitals to post in a conspicuous location a list of any such services offered;

3. Coordinate with hospitals in the city to update the lists of such services offered by each hospital, as needed; and

4. Publish such guidance and such lists of services on the department's website and on the 311 citizen center website. Such guidance shall be published in the designated citywide languages as defined in section 23-1101.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on August 14, 2025 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on September 15, 2025.

ALISA FUENTES, Acting City Clerk, Acting Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 126 of 2025, Council Int. No. 628-A of 2024) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor, and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

SPENCER FISHER, Acting Corporation Counsel.