



Legislation Text

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By Council Member Yeger

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of finance to include information regarding language access services in notice packages

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter one of title 11 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to add new section 11-141 to read as follows:

§ 11-141 Notice of language access services. a. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Language assistance services. The term “language assistance services” means interpretation and translation services as defined by subdivision n of section 8-1002.

Covered language. The term “covered language” means the languages as defined by subdivision j of section 8-1002.

Notice. The term “notice” means any document issued by the department of finance to a taxpayer or program participant or applicant where such document contains a notice that 1. requires a response from such taxpayer, participant or applicant; 2. concerns the denial, termination, reduction, increase or issuance of a benefit or service; 3. is regarding the rights of such taxpayer, participant or applicant to a conference and fair hearing; or 4. is describing regulation changes that affect benefits.

b. In addition to the requirements imposed by subdivision b of section 8-1005, the department shall provide in all notice packages an 8 1/2 inch x 11 inch or larger document advising taxpayers, participants and applicants that free language assistance services are available at its offices and how such services may be

accessed. This document shall appear in all covered languages.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately .

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