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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of social services to provide half-fare metrocards to eligible recipients of public assistance

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 21-142 to read as follows:

§ 21-142 Half-fare metrocards. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Engageable. The term “engageable” means an individual who is required to participate in employment, programs or activities in order to receive public assistance.

Public assistance. The term “public assistance” means safety net assistance and family assistance provided by the New York city department of social services/human resources administration.

b. The department shall provide half-fare metrocards to all engageable public assistance recipients who require transportation to travel to locations related to employment, including but not limited to, job interviews, work activities, places of employment, and education and training. Such recipients shall receive a half-fare metrocard for the duration of their time on public assistance.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 after its enactment, except that the commissioner of social services shall take all actions necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, prior to such effective date.

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