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By Council Members Adams and Vallone

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting on asthma medication administration forms

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 21-965 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law 12 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:

§ 21-965 Student health services. a. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

Asthma medication administration form. The term "asthma medication administration form" means a form approved by the department, completed by a medical provider and submitted by a student to a school, which outlines instructions to be followed in the event such student exhibits asthma symptoms or to prevent a student from exhibiting asthma symptoms prior to certain activities, including, but not limited to, before exercise.

Automated student health record database. The term "automated student health record database" means a database maintained by the department of health and mental hygiene to record information about students' medical care.

NYC FITNESSGRAM. The term "NYC FITNESSGRAM" means an annual fitness assessment used to determine students' overall physical fitness.

School based health center. The term "school based health center" means on-site health care services provided to students within the school building, which are operated by independent institutions including, but

not limited to, hospitals and community based organizations.

Student. "Student" shall mean any pupil under the age of twenty-one as of September first of the academic period being reported, who does not have a high school diploma and who is enrolled in a district school or pre-kindergarten program in a district school within the city school district.

Student health encounter. The term "student health encounter" means any student visit to a school medical room recorded in the automated student health record database.

b. Not later than April 30, 2017, and no later than April 30th annually thereafter, the department shall submit to the council a report regarding information on health services provided to students for the preceding school year. Such report shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The number of school buildings where full time nurses are employed by the office of school health and the number of school buildings where part time nurses are employed by such office; the ratio of students to nurses in such school buildings; and the average number of student health encounters per nurse in such school buildings;

2. The total number of student health encounters;

3. The total number of NYC FITNESSGRAMS performed, and the percentage of students assessed who had a body mass index: (i) below the 5th percentile; (ii) in the 5th to 84th percentile; (iii) in the 85th to 94th percentile; and (iv) equal to or above the 95th percentile.

4. The total number of medication orders reviewed by the office of school health and recorded in the automated student health record database;

5. The total number of students reported to the office of school health as having a diagnosis of allergies, asthma, diabetes type 1 or diabetes type 2; [and]

6. The total number of students who have submitted an asthma medication administration form to their school and the total number of incidents in which information from an asthma medication administration form has been utilized to prevent or alleviate a student's asthma symptoms during a school health encounter; and

[6.]7. The total number of school based health centers disaggregated by the type of provider including, but not limited to, hospital and federally qualified health centers; and the total number of students enrolled in the school or schools served by each school based health center.

[d.]c. All information required to be reported by this section shall be disaggregated by community school district.

[e.]d. No information that is otherwise required to be reported pursuant to this section shall be reported in a manner that would violate any applicable provision of federal, state, or local law or the New York city health code relating to the privacy of student information or that would interfere with law enforcement investigations or otherwise conflict with the interest of law enforcement. If the category contains between [0]1 and 9 students, or allows another category to be narrowed to be between [0]1 and 9 students, the number shall be replaced with a symbol.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

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