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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 health and mental hygiene to make available long-acting reversible contraception at its health centers, health stations, health clinics and other health facilities

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 17-184 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law 19 for the year 2003, is renamed and amended to read as follows:

§ 17-184 Availability of [emergency] contraception. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Emergency contraception. The term "emergency contraception" means one or more drugs, used separately or in combination, to be administered to or self-administered by a patient in a dosage and manner intended to prevent pregnancy when used within a medically recommended amount of time following sexual intercourse and dispensed for that purpose in accordance with professional standards of practice, and which has been found safe and effective for such use by the United States food and drug administration.

Long-acting reversible contraception. The term "long-acting reversible contraception" means one or more reversible contraceptive methods, used separately or in combination, including, but not limited to, intrauterine devices, injections or injectable, or subdermal contraceptive implants, to be administered to or self-administered by a patient in a dosage and manner intended to prevent pregnancy for an extended period of time without user action when dispensed in accordance with medically professional standards of practice, and which has been found safe and effective for such use by the United States food and drug administration.

b. Availability of contraception. The department shall make available emergency and long-acting reversible contraception at each health center, health station, health clinic or other health facility operated or maintained by the department which also offers services relating to the diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases. [For purposes of this section, the term "emergency contraception" shall mean one or more prescription drugs, used separately or in combination, to be administered to or self-administered by a patient in a dosage and manner intended to prevent pregnancy when used within a medically recommended amount of time following sexual intercourse and dispensed for that purpose in accordance with professional standards of practice, and which has been found safe and effective for such use by the United States food and drug administration.]

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner may take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

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