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By Council Member Chin

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a centenarian services unit at the department for the aging

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter two of chapter one of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-210 to read as follows:

§ 21-210 Centenarian Services Unit. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section the following terms have the following meanings:

Centenarian. The term “centenarian” means any person age 80 or above.

Social services. The term “social services” means services and public assistance benefits related to health, mental health, housing, nutritional and other needs that are provided by or funded by local, state or federal government, including, but not limited to the supplemental nutrition assistance program, medicare, expanded in-home services for the elderly, the senior citizen homeowners’ exemption and the senior citizen rent increase exemption.

b. The department shall establish a unit to assist centenarians in accessing social services. Such assistance shall include, at a minimum, connecting centenarians with available social services resources and related agencies and organizations and helping with any necessary recertification needs. The unit shall consult with appropriate local and state agencies, such as the human resources administration or the New York city housing authority, as necessary, to assist centenarians with such needs.

c. The department shall make available on its website information about the centenarian services unit

established pursuant to this section, including a description of services offered by the unit, contact information for the unit, contact information for other relevant agencies and general information on social services available to centenarians.

d. The commissioner, in consultation with any agencies identified by the mayor, shall engage in outreach and education efforts, including the creation of relevant informational materials, to inform seniors about the services offered by the centenarian services unit.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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