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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to ensuring that New York City does not pay for emergency housing for clients of the HIV and AIDS Services Administration who are deceased.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision l of section 21-128 of chapter one of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended as follows:

§ 21-128. l. Centralized housing referral and placement system.

(1) Development and maintenance of referral and placement system. Within one year of the effective date of the local law that added this subdivision, the commissioner shall establish and maintain a housing referral and placement system to track referrals to and placements in emergency and non-emergency housing and to track the conditions at emergency facilities at which clients with clinical/symptomatic HIV illness or with AIDS reside. At a minimum, the housing referral and placement system required by this subdivision shall have: (i) a mechanism to track vacancies at non-emergency housing facilities and to match eligible applicants to appropriate vacancies; (ii) a mechanism to track conditions at emergency housing facilities; [and] (iii) a mechanism to track the outcome of referrals and length of stay at emergency housing facilities and non-emergency housing facilities[.]; and (iv) a mechanism that, at a minimum on a quarterly basis, matches death records maintained by the social security administration, to the extent such records are available, against records of clients at emergency housing facilities. In the event of a match, the agency shall confirm the death

of a client prior to terminating or making any other changes in benefits or services provided to such client.

§2. This local law shall take effect ninety days after its enactment.