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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to culturally responsive and competent programming at older adult centers

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 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 Diversity programming at older adult centers. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section,

the following terms have the following meanings:

Older adult. The term "older adult" means a person sixty years of age and older.

Older adult center. The term "older adult center" means facilities operated by the city of New York or operated by an entity that has contracted with the department to provide services to senior citizens on a regular basis including, but not limited to meals, recreation and counseling.

b. The commissioner shall require each older adult center to conduct a survey of the languages spoken by older adults within a one-mile radius of such center every three years. The format and distribution of such survey shall be determined by the department.

c. The commissioner shall require each older adult center to develop and conduct specific programming for older adults in each language spoken by 20 percent or more of the older adults responding to the survey required by subdivision a of this section. Such programming shall be culturally responsive to the communities represented by each program. For purposes of this section, "culturally responsive" means including cultural and

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ethnic events relevant to linguistic communities.

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

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