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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a professional education program and public outreach campaign regarding sickle cell disease

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-200.1 to read as follows:

§ 17-200.1 Sickle cell disease programs. a. Professional education program. The department shall, in consultation with the New York city health and hospitals corporation, develop a voluntary professional education program that focuses on detection, management, and treatment of sickle cell disease. The department shall make such program available to all medical professionals employed in the city at least twice per year.

b. Education and outreach. The department shall establish and implement an education and outreach program for the general public to increase awareness of resources related to sickle cell disease. Such program must at minimum include the following information:

1. The prevalence of sickle cell disease in certain communities;
2. The common signs and symptoms of sickle cell disease;
3. How to get tested for sickle cell disease; and
4. Resources available to manage and treat sickle cell disease.

c. Online publication of materials. The commissioner shall make any educational materials produced pursuant to subdivision b of this section available on the department's website in English and the designated

citywide languages as defined in section 23-1101.

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

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