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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 create and distribute materials identifying mental health resources available to individuals who have experienced pregnancy loss

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 17-199.21 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 108 for the year 2023, is redesignated section 17-199.26.

§ 2. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-199.26.1 to read as follows:

§ 17-199.26.1 Mental health materials for individuals who have experienced pregnancy loss. a.

Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Designated citywide languages. The term “designated citywide languages” has the same meaning as set forth in subdivision a of section 23-1101.

Pregnancy loss. The term “pregnancy loss” means the loss of a fetus by miscarriage, stillbirth, or termination.

b. The commissioner shall create materials that contain information about the effects of pregnancy loss on mental health and that identify mental health resources available to individuals who have experienced pregnancy loss. The department shall make such materials available in the designated citywide languages and shall review and update such materials as appropriate.

c. The commissioner shall distribute physical copies of the materials created pursuant to subdivision b of this section to all facilities operated by the department in which reproductive healthcare is provided and post electronic copies of such materials on the department's website. The commissioner shall, to the extent practicable, inform the following entities about the availability of such materials and make physical copies of such materials available to such entities upon request:

1. Family planning clinics within the city, for distribution to patients that may benefit from such materials at the discretion of each clinic; and

2. Hospital departments where the primary purpose is the provision of reproductive healthcare, for distribution to patients that may benefit from such materials at the discretion of each hospital.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

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