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By Council Members Brooks-Powers, Restler, Williams and Brannan

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to expanding the availability of the newborn home visiting program

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 17-168.2 to read as follows:

§ 17-168.2 Availability of newborn home visiting program. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section the following terms have the following meanings:

Newborn home visiting program. The term “newborn home visiting program” means a program administered by the department that aims to provide no-cost in person and virtual home visits from social workers, nurses, and lactation professionals for new parents within the first few weeks of the birth of a child.

Priority neighborhood. The term “priority neighborhood” means the neighborhoods determined by the office of racial equity pursuant to section 3401 of the charter.

b. The commissioner shall establish a newborn home visiting program. Such program shall be available to 75 percent of priority neighborhoods within no later than 3 years after the effective date of the local law that added this section and to 100 percent of priority neighborhoods within no later than 5 years of the effective date of the local law that added this section.

c. No later than 3 years after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the commissioner shall submit to the mayor and speaker of the council a progress report on the availability of the newborn home visiting program in 75 percent of priority neighborhoods, as required by subdivision b of this section. No later

than 5 years after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the commissioner shall submit to the mayor and speaker of the council a final progress report on the availability of the newborn home visiting program in 100 percent of priority neighborhoods, as required by subdivision b of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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