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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 social services to post on its website data concerning vacant supportive housing units

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-148.1 to read as follows:

§ 21-148.1 Supportive housing occupancy reporting. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

HASA. The term “HASA” means the HIV/AIDS services administration within the human resources administration.

Offline unit. The term “offline unit” means a vacant unit to which a client has not yet been referred due to staffing capacity, unit turnover, maintenance needs, the sealing of such unit by the police department or a public administrator, or other reasons.

Online vacant unit. The term “online vacant unit” means a supportive housing unit to which a client may be referred.

Supportive housing. The term “supportive housing” means affordable, permanent housing with support services.

Vacant unit. The term “vacant unit” means a supportive housing unit that is not occupied for permanent residence purposes, and includes online vacant units, offline units, and vacant units with referral in process.

Vacant unit with referral in process. The term “vacant unit with referral in process” means a vacant unit with one or more pending referral requests or referrals.

b. No later than January 1, 2026, the commissioner shall post on the department’s website information on vacant units contained within the coordinated assessment and placement system as such term is defined in section 21-148. No later than June 1, 2026, the commissioner shall also post on the department’s website information on vacant units contained within the HASA web system. Such information shall be disaggregated by (i) whether a supportive housing unit is a new supportive housing unit or is already in use as a supportive housing unit, (ii) the agency that holds the contract for supportive housing that governs such unit, and (iii) whether a unit is located in congregate or scatter site housing, including whether such unit is a single room occupancy unit. Such information shall include, at a minimum:

1. The total number of online vacant units;

2. The percentage of all supportive housing units in the city that are online vacant units;

3. The total number of vacant units with referral in process;

4. The total number of online vacant units for which an agency has not referred a client for an interview or that are not in process for referral;

5. The total number of offline units;

6. The total number of vacant units;

7. The average and median number of days between the date a vacant unit became available and the date such unit was occupied, for all vacant units in each quarter;

8. The average and median number of days between the date an agency received a client’s application for supportive housing and the date such client was referred to a unit, in each quarter; and

9. The average and median number of days between the date an agency referred a client to a unit and the date the unit was occupied, in each quarter.

c. The information required to be posted pursuant to subdivision b of this section shall be posted on a

monthly basis, except that the information described in paragraphs 7, 8, and 9 of such subdivision shall be posted on a quarterly basis.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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