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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the safe collection and disposal of needles and syringes

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The heading of section 17-180.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 124 for the year 2022, is amended to read as follows:

§ 17-180.1 Overdose prevention and reversal training; needle, syringe, and sharps buyback; syringe service programs.

§ 2. Subdivision a of section 17-180.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding new definitions of "portable needle, syringe, and sharp disposal container" and "syringe service program" in alphabetical order to read as follows:

Portable needle, syringe, and sharp disposal container. The term "portable needle, syringe, and sharp disposal container" means a puncture-resistant, leakproof container designed for the safe collection and disposal of used needles, syringes, lancets, and other sharp medical instruments.

Syringe service program. The term "syringe service program" means a program authorized by the state department of health to distribute hypodermic syringes and needles.

§ 3. Subdivisions d and e of section 17-180.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 124 for the year 2022, are amended to read as follows:

d. For as long as the department determines there is an urgent public health need, the department shall

provide access to opioid antagonists to all syringe [exchange] service programs operating within the city.

e. The department shall require that the staff at all syringe [exchange] service programs operating in the city receive overdose prevention and reversal training. Such training shall teach staff:

1. How to [recognize] identify and respond to an opioid overdose; and

2. How to properly administer common opioid antagonists to reverse an opioid overdose.

§ 4. Section 17-180.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision i to read as follows:

i. Safe disposal and collection of needles, syringes, and sharps 1. Guidance and disposal containers. The department shall require each syringe service program to:

(a) Provide guidance to each participant of such syringe service program regarding safe disposal practices for needles, syringes, and sharps, including information about safe disposal sites located in the surrounding community; and

(b) Offer each participant of such syringe service program a portable needle, syringe, and sharp disposal container.

2. Report. Beginning on September 1, 2026, and every 6 months thereafter, the department shall provide a report to the mayor and speaker of the council, and publish such reports on the department's website, with the following information for the most recent reporting period:

(1) Specific steps that the department has taken to collect discarded needles, syringes, and sharps in public places;

(2) Specific steps that syringe service providers have taken to collect discarded needles, syringes, and sharps in the areas that they operate; and

(3) To the extent available, the total number of needles, syringes, and sharps collected by the department and syringe service providers.

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