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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 make medication abortion available at no cost to a patient at all of its sexual health clinics

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 17-184.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 78 for the year 2022, is amended to read as follows:

a. Subject to sufficient appropriations to meet the requirements of this subdivision, the department shall make available medication approved by the United States food and drug administration for medication abortion at no cost to a patient at all health clinics operated by the department where services relating to sexual health are offered [and where the department determines making such medication available would be appropriate for the patient population served by such clinic]. At such clinics, the department shall make medication for medication abortion available to a patient who seeks to terminate a pregnancy when the use of such medication is indicated and in accordance with the medically reasonable and good faith professional judgment of such patient's medical provider.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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