**Plain Language Summary**

**Current Introduction Number:**

Int. No. 426

**Prime Sponsors:**

By Council Members Rivera, Brewer, Louis, Nurse and Sanchez

**Bill Title:**

A local law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to visitation policy guidelines for hospitals during public health emergencies

**Bill Summary:**

**This plain language summary is for informational purposes only and does not substitute for legal counsel. For more information, you should review the full text of the bill, which is available online at legistar.council.nyc.gov.**

This bill would require the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (“DOHMH”) to develop voluntary guidelines for hospital visitation policies in the event of a public health emergency. Such guidelines would be distributed to hospitals in the City, posted on the DOHMH website, and submitted to the Mayor and Speaker of the Council. This bill would also require DOHMH to develop voluntary guidelines for hospital visitation policies in response to the new coronavirus disease, COVID-19, by July 1, 2020.

**Effective Date:**

Immediately

**Legislative Impact:**

[ ]  **Agency Rulemaking Required**: Is City agency rulemaking required?

[ ]  **Report Required**: Is a report due to Council required?

[ ]  **Sunset Date Included**: Does the legislation have a sunset date?

[ ]  **Council Appointment Required**: Is an appointment by the Council required?

[ ]  **Other Appointment Required**: Are other appointments not by the Council required?

**Note:** In the full bill text online at legistar.council.nyc.gov, language in proposed consolidated laws that is enclosed by [brackets] would be deleted, and language that is underlined would be new. Language in proposed unconsolidated laws, in contrast, will not have brackets or underlining because it would be entirely new. Consolidation means that the law is placed in the New York City Charter or Administrative Code.

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