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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:

Available vacant unit. The term “available vacant unit” means a supportive housing unit that is ready for a client referral.

Online unit. The term “online unit” means a vacant unit that is not yet ready for client referral due to staffing capacity, unit turnover, maintenance, or other reasons.

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.

Vacant unit with placement pending. The term “vacant unit with placement pending” means a vacant unit for which a placement agency has referred a client for an interview but for which no determination has yet been made.

b. Not later than September 1, 2024, the commissioner shall post on the department's website information on vacant units contained within the coordinated assessment and placement system (CAPS). Such information shall be disaggregated by (i) whether a unit will be available for the first time or is a supportive housing unit already in use and (ii) the supportive housing provider. Such information shall be updated each month and shall include, at a minimum:

1. The total number of vacant units;

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

3. The total number of vacant units with placement pending;

4. The total number of available vacant units for which a placement agency has not referred a client for an interview;

5. The total number of online units;

6. The total number of vacant units, beginning 12 months prior to the enactment date of the local law that added this section;

7. The average number of days between the date a vacant unit became available and the date such unit was occupied, for all vacant units in each month beginning 12 months prior to the enactment date of the local law that added this section;

8. The average number of days between the date a placement agency received a client's application and the date such client was referred to a unit, in each month beginning 12 months prior to the enactment date of the local law that added this section; and

9. The average number of days between the date a placement agency referred a client to a unit and the date the unit was occupied, in each month beginning 12 months prior to the enactment date of the local law that added this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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