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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to access to blood pressure machines

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-188.2 to read as follows:

§ 17-188.2 Blood pressure machines in public places. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Blood pressure machine. The term “blood pressure machine” means an automated machine that provides for self-administered testing and measurement of an individual’s blood pressure and expresses that measurement as 2 numbers indicating a systolic pressure over a diastolic pressure.

Public place. The term “public place” means a location accessible to the public, and includes, but is not limited to, a place of worship, a local business that requests a blood pressure machine, a pharmacy, a healthcare organization, a community center, a community-based organization, or a nonprofit organization.

High-need area. The term “high-need area” means an area of the city determined by the department to warrant the placement of a blood pressure machine based on relevant social determinants of health such as high rates of hypertension.

b. No later than January 1, 2024, the department shall post on the department’s website in plain language public places in the city where blood pressure machines are known or reported to be located, and instructions on the use and operations of such blood pressure machines. Such information shall be provided in

the designated citywide languages, as defined in section 23-1101, and shall be updated at least annually. The department shall post a form on the department's website for a public place to report the placement of a blood pressure machine.

c. No later than January 1, 2024, the department shall provide a report to the speaker of the council on the location of all blood pressure machines in public places and provide recommendations on locations in high-need areas in which blood pressure machines should be placed.

d. No later than January 1, 2024, and subject to appropriation, the department shall support making at-home blood pressure machines available at no cost to the public at federally qualified health centers in 5 high-need areas. The department shall post the locations of such federally qualified health centers on its website in plain language and in the designated citywide languages as defined in section 23-1101.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

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