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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to expanding availability of rapid self-testing for sexually transmitted infections.

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 17-184.3 to read as follows:

§ 17-184.3 Availability of rapid self-testing for sexually transmitted infections. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the term “rapid self-testing” means testing that has been approved by the United States food and drug administration for patient self-administration and patient reading of results for sexually transmitted infections including, but not limited to, chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and HIV, that produces results in the same day or within hours.

b. Availability. The department shall make available rapid self-testing kits to community-based organizations in all five boroughs. The department shall prioritize community-based organizations located in areas with the highest rates of sexually transmitted infections, as determined by the department.

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

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