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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to mental health training for senior center caseworkers

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-209 to read as follows:

§ 21-209 Mental health training for senior center case workers. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the term “caseworker” means an individual employed by a senior center that receives funding from the department to provide services on-site pursuant to a contract procured under chapter 13 of the charter and through a source selection method established by procurement policy board rule, who provides case assistance, information and referrals for benefits and social services at such a senior center.

b. Each caseworker shall complete a training to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illness for older adults offered by the department of health and mental hygiene or a successor agency, provided that such department offers such training.

c. At least once every three years after completing the training described in subdivision b of this section, each caseworker shall receive supplemental refresher training, provided that the department of health and mental hygiene or a successor agency offers such training.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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