



Legislation Text

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By the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) and Council Members Hanif, Brooks-Powers, Restler and Cabán

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of health and mental hygiene to create a training program for providers of pregnancy and postpartum-related services about perinatal mood and anxiety disorders

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 17-199.25 to read as follows:

§ 17-199.25 Perinatal mood and anxiety disorders. a. Training. No later than 6 months after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the commissioner shall develop and offer a training program on perinatal mood and anxiety disorders to individuals who provide pregnancy and postpartum-related services, including medical professionals, first responders, and the staff of mental health crisis hotlines. Such training program shall discuss, at a minimum, the symptoms of such disorders, screening tools for such disorders, treatment options for such disorders, resources available to those affected by, or at risk for, such disorders, and other resources on the topic of perinatal mood and anxiety disorders designed to educate and assist those who provide pregnancy and postpartum-related services.

b. Outreach. The commissioner shall conduct an ongoing outreach campaign designed to raise awareness among individuals who provide pregnancy and postpartum-related services about the availability of the trainings required by subdivision a of this section and about other resources on the topic of perinatal mood and anxiety disorders designed to educate and assist those who provide pregnancy and postpartum-related services.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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