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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to investigations by the department of health and mental hygiene in connection with reports of pregnant persons with elevated blood lead levels

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 17-911 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 64 for the year 2019, is amended to read as follows:

§ 17-911 Required investigation. a. In addition to or as part of any investigation required pursuant to section 27-2056.14, whenever a report has been made to the department of a person under 18 years of age with an elevated blood lead level that is at or above the blood lead reference level established pursuant to this subchapter, the department shall conduct such investigation as may be necessary to identify potential sources of such elevated blood lead level, including, but not limited to, an inspection of any dwelling unit in which the department determines such person is routinely present for 10 or more hours per week.

b. Whenever a report has been made to the department of a pregnant person with an elevated blood lead level, the department shall (i) conduct such investigation as may be necessary to identify potential sources of such elevated blood lead level, and (ii) after the birth of a child by such pregnant person, screen such child for elevated blood lead levels and assess whether the dwelling unit where such child resides contains a lead-based paint hazard or unsafe lead paint.

c. The department shall conduct outreach to any new parent or person imminently expecting to become

a parent regarding the availability of inspections conducted pursuant to section 27-2056.9. Such outreach shall include information about blood lead testing for children, unsafe construction or renovation work practices and the availability of inspections for such practices.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 1 year after it becomes law, except that the commissioner of health and mental hygiene may take such actions as are necessary for implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

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