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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the provision of sexual and reproductive health services by the department of health and mental hygiene

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 17-199.19 to read as follows:

§ 17-199.19 Provision of sexual and reproductive health services. a. The department shall provide sexual and reproductive health services and conduct research on sexual and reproductive health disparities within the city. In providing such services, the department shall have the power and duty to:

1. Provide outreach, education, and support to individuals, especially low-income individuals and those without health insurance, regarding issues related to sexual and reproductive health, including, but not limited to:

(a) Contraception, including a broad range of methods such as long-acting reversible contraception;

(b) Preconception health services;

(c) Abortion services;

(d) Family planning services;

(e) Testing, prevention, and treatment for HIV;

(f) Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections;

(g) Routine screening for breast and cervical cancer; and

(h) Health education, in community settings, to promote reproductive health, prevent unintended pregnancy, and promote access to reproductive and preventive health services.

2. Make referrals, when determined appropriate by the department, to affordable and accessible services related to contraception; abortion; family planning; breast and cervical cancer screenings; and counseling, testing, and treatment for HIV and sexually transmitted infections.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 1 year after it becomes law.

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