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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a public education and outreach campaign on maternal mortality and morbidity and a report regarding the incidence of cesarean sections

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:Section 1. Paragraphs 10 and 11 of subdivision b of section 3-119.6 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by a local law of the city of New York for the year 2022, relating to an outreach and education campaign on the benefits and services provided by doulas and midwives, as proposed in introduction number 478-A for the year 2022, is amended to read as follows:

10. The services offered by doulas, as such term is defined in section 17-199.10, and midwives, as such term is defined in section 17-199.17, the evidence-based benefits of such services, and free and low-cost resources related to such services in the city; [and]

11. Maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity, as such terms are defined in section 17-199.3, in the city; and

12. Any other rights related to reproductive health care that the administering agency deems appropriate.

§ 2. Subdivision c of section 3-119.6 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by a local law of the city of New York for the year 2022, relating to an outreach and education campaign on the benefits and services provided by doulas and midwives, as proposed in introduction number 478-A for the year 2022, is amended to read as follows:

c. Reporting. No later than June 30, 2024, and by June 30 every five years thereafter, the administering

agency shall submit to the mayor and speaker of the council, and post online, a report describing the methods of targeted outreach used to comply with [paragraph] paragraphs 10 and 11 of subdivision b of this section.

§ 3. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-199.3.2 to read as follows:

§ 17-199.3.2 Report and recommendations on cesarean sections. No later than December 30, 2024, the department shall report on the number of total births in the city for the previous calendar year, disaggregated, to the extent available, by the number of vaginal births, the number of vaginal births after prior cesarean section, the number of first-time cesarean sections, and the number of repeat cesarean sections. This data shall be further disaggregated, to the extent available, by whether or not the pregnancy was considered low risk because the pregnancy was primiparous, full-term, singleton, and vertex/cephalic (head-first). Such report shall include recommendations by the department to reduce maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity, as such terms are defined in section 17-199.3, including efforts to: (i) reduce the risks associated with unplanned cesarean sections; and (ii) efforts to address inequities across patient demographics.

§ 4. This local law takes effect on the same date that a local law amending the administrative code of the city of New York, relating to an outreach and education campaign on the benefits and services provided by doulas and midwives, as proposed in introduction number 478-A for the year 2022, takes effect.

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