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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to providing outreach and education regarding mental health and behavioral health services

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 17-199.21 to read as follows:

§ 17-199.21 Mental health and behavioral health services outreach and education. The department shall establish and implement an outreach and education campaign to raise public awareness about programs that provide low-cost and no-cost mental health services to New Yorkers who do not qualify for or cannot afford health insurance based on federal guidelines. Such outreach and education shall include, as applicable, an explanation of how individuals may access such services, including, but not limited to, through referrals from primary care providers. The materials for such outreach and education campaign shall be made available in English and the designated citywide languages, as defined in section 23-1101.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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