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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the provision of information regarding the NYC Care program to older adults

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-214 to read as follows:

§ 21-214 Provision of information regarding initiatives to provide low or no-cost primary health care to income-eligible New York city residents. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

<u>Client. The term "client" means an older adult to whom direct services are provided by the department</u> or by a person that contracts with the department to provide such services.

NYC care initiative. The term "NYC care initiative" means the health care access program operated by the New York city health and hospitals corporation to provide low or no-cost primary care to income-eligible New York city residents, or any such successor program.

b. The department shall make available to all clients information regarding the NYC care initiative. Such information shall describe the NYC care initiative and provide eligibility guidelines for such initiative. The department shall make such information available to clients in paper form at all locations where the department, or a person contracting with the department, provides services to clients. Such information shall, at minimum, include:

1. A statement that eligibility to participate in the NYC care initiative is not based on immigration

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status; and

2. Information regarding support services offered through the NYC care initiative, including, as applicable, access to social workers and care coordinators that connect eligible individuals with housing, legal services, financial assistance, and food assistance.

c. The department shall post, and update as necessary, the information required by subdivision b of this section on the department's website and shall post a link to such information on the 311 citizen center website. The department shall make such information available in the designated citywide languages as defined in section 21-211.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

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