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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to certain applications for or recipients of public assistance and care

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 134-a of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER OR OTHER LAW TO THE CONTRARY, AN APPLICANT FOR OR RECIPIENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND CARE IN THE DISTRICT COMPRISING THE CITY OF NEW YORK SHALL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ALL INTERVIEWS, ASSESSMENTS, EXAMINATIONS AND SCREENINGS REQUIRED FOR INVESTIGATION OF ELIGIBILITY NOT LATER THAN FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER THE SCHEDULED DATE OF SUCH INTERVIEW, ASSESSMENT, EXAMINATION OR SCREENING. THE SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICIAL IN SUCH DISTRICT SHALL NOT CLOSE THE CASE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONE OR MORE SCHEDULED INTERVIEWS, ASSESSMENTS, EXAMINATIONS OR SCREENINGS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE FIFTEEN DAY PERIOD. THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO A RECIPIENT WHO HAS FAILED TO APPEAR AT A FACE-TO-FACE RECERTIFICATION INTERVIEW; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT AN INTERVIEW SHALL BE ARRANGED FOR A RECIPIENT WHO APPEARS FOR A FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEW PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE OR DURING THE TEN DAY PERIOD AFTER ISSUANCE OF SUCH NOTICE.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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