STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MYRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the maternal health crisis

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Chisholm Chance Act".

§ 2. Title 3 of article 25 of the public health law is REPEALED and a new title 3 is added to read as follows:

TITLE III

CHISHOLM CHANCE ACT

Section 2560. Legislative findings.

2561. Administrative hub.

§ 2560. Legislative findings. 1. The legislature hereby finds and declares that severe maternal morbidity constitutes a maternal health crisis that poses a serious threat to the health and quality of life of many women and children. New York is among the bottom third of states for the number of women dying, with women of color dying at a rate three and one-half times more than other women. The highest rates of severe maternal morbidity occurs in two counties, Kings and Bronx county, with the highest rate occurring in north and central Brooklyn.

2. The legislature further finds and declares that a plan should be established to address the severe maternal morbidity crisis.

§ 2561. Administrative hub. 1. The department shall develop, establish and administer a community led and operated administrative hub in Kings county and Bronx county to contract with multiple payers in order to coordinate outreach by specially trained community-based organizations and community health workers to find and engage the highest need women and children in Kings county and Bronx county. The department shall also:

(a) establish the administrative hub's infrastructure;

(b) establish an advisory board and governance structure for the administrative hub;

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

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(c) hire and train community health workers and doulas, up to one per community-based organization;

(d) establish a single point of entry for addressing social determinants of health;

(e) synchronize systems across networks of community-based organizations with healthcare, behavioral and social service delivery systems; and

(f) achieve certification from the Pathways Community Hub Institute within six months of the beginning of operations.

2. Community health workers shall be contracted to identify and address standardized health risks via shared metrics or standardized pathways that have demonstrated an impact on the social determinants of health.

3. The administrative hub shall coordinate participating community-based organizations and community health workers to address gaps in the systems of care for the highest need women and children in Kings county and Bronx county.

4. The administrative hub shall begin operations before the first of January next succeeding the effective date of this title.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.