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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ, SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to
    the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to directing local
    government units providing services to individuals with mental illness
    or developmental disabilities to create a single point of access
    system

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

1   Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 41.13 of the mental hygiene law
2 is amended by adding a new paragraph 17 to read as follows:
3   17. create, direct and exercise supervisory authority over a single
4 point of access system to facilitate entry to care coordination
5 services, residential placement, rehabilitative services, and other
6 services for high need adults and children. The single point of access
7 system may be operated either individually by the local governmental
8 unit or collectively in cooperation with one or more other local govern-
9 mental units. Separate single point of access systems may be established
10 in order to address the needs of a targeted population based on criteria
11 including, but not limited to, age, disability, veteran status or
12 specific service need such as housing or care coordination. Single point
13 of access systems shall have the power to:
14   (i) receive referrals of all persons with a mental disability as
15 defined in section 1.03 of this chapter who are identified as a high
16 need person by the commissioner;
17   (ii) receive referrals regardless of age, ability to pay, or health
18 insurance status;
19   (iii) require the cooperation of providers of care coordination, hous-
20 ing, health care, and managed care operating within the jurisdiction of
21 the local governmental unit to determine the appropriate level of care
22 and service delivery for designated high need persons.
23   § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.