

# 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:

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

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 Title 3 of article 25 of the public health law is REPEALED and a  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

### TITLE III

#### CHISHOLM CHANCE ACT

7 Section 2560. Legislative findings.

8 2561. Administrative hub.

9 § 2560. Legislative findings. 1. The legislature hereby finds and  
10 declares that severe maternal morbidity constitutes a maternal health  
11 crisis that poses a serious threat to the health and quality of life of  
12 many women and children. New York is among the bottom third of states  
13 for the number of women dying, with women of color dying at a rate three  
14 and one-half times more than other women. The highest rates of severe  
15 maternal morbidity occurs in two counties, Kings and Bronx county, with  
16 the highest rate occurring in north and central Brooklyn.

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

19 § 2561. Administrative hub. 1. The department shall develop, establish  
20 and administer a community led and operated administrative hub in Kings  
21 county and Bronx county to contract with multiple payers in order to  
22 coordinate outreach by specially trained community-based organizations  
23 and community health workers to find and engage the highest need women  
24 and children in Kings county and Bronx county. The department shall  
25 also:

26 (a) establish the administrative hub's infrastructure;

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

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

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

3 (d) establish a single point of entry for addressing social determi-  
4 nants of health;

5 (e) synchronize systems across networks of community-based organiza-  
6 tions with healthcare, behavioral and social service delivery systems;  
7 and

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

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

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

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

20 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.