

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

May 13, 2022

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. K. Brown) --  
read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to allowing for the denial, suspension or discontinuance of public assistance or care where a person does not participate in three consecutive scheduled interviews with a social services official

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 134-a of the social services law,  
2 as amended by chapter 144 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 3. The social services official shall require that persons applying  
5 for or receiving public assistance and care be interviewed personally at  
6 a time and in a manner provided by the regulations of the department,  
7 and the social services official may provide the option of a phone  
8 interview or other digital means for such interview at the request of  
9 the applicant or recipient. In the event a person applying for or  
10 receiving public assistance and care who is required to be interviewed  
11 by a social services official does not participate in three consecutive  
12 scheduled interviews, the social services official may deny, suspend or  
13 discontinue public assistance or care until such time as the person  
14 applying for or receiving public assistance and care participates in an  
15 interview.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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