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Introduced by Sens. MYRIE, KRUEGER, PARKER, RAMOS, RIVERA, SEPULVEDA --
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the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the maternal
health crisis; and to repeal title 3 of article 25 of such law relat-
ing to the control of midwifery

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, 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 Title 3 of article 25 of the public health law is REPEALED and a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

Section 2560. Legislative findings.

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

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

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1 and children in Kings county and Bronx county. The department shall
2 also:

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

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

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

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

10 (e) synchronize systems across networks of community-based organiza-
11 tions with healthcare, behavioral and social service delivery systems;
12 and

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

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

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

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

25 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.