

CHAPTER 389

AN ACT concerning certain forms and materials for individuals with developmental disabilities and supplementing Titles 9 and 30 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

C.9:3A-18 Availability of applications for services and supports in multiple languages for persons with developmental disabilities from Department of Children and Families.

1. The Commissioner of Children and Families shall make available in at least the five most common languages spoken in the State, inclusive of Spanish and Korean: applications for services and supports that are available for persons with developmental disabilities, as defined in section 3 of P.L.1977, c.82 (C.30:6D-3); any forms that are to be used in requesting the informed consent of an individual with a developmental disability, or of the individual's guardian, with respect to the sharing of health information; and other forms, upon request, to the extent feasible.

C.30:6D-27.2 Availability of applications for services and supports in multiple languages for persons with developmental disabilities from Department of Human Services.

2. The Commissioner of Human Services shall make available in at least the five most common languages spoken in the State, inclusive of Spanish and Korean: applications for services and supports that are available for persons with developmental disabilities, as defined in section 3 of P.L.1977, c.82 (C.30:6D-3); any forms that are to be used in requesting the informed consent of an individual with a developmental disability, or of the individual's guardian, with respect to the sharing of health information; and other forms, upon request, to the extent feasible.

C.30:6D-27.3 Service accessibility through cultural competency and language access.

3. The Division of Developmental Disabilities shall consult with the Office of New Americans in the Department of Human Services, established pursuant to Executive Order No. 74 (2019), to ensure service accessibility through cultural competency and language access.

4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month following enactment.

Approved January 21, 2020.