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Record of Variance Action at November 12, 2019 Public Meeting

This variance allows the Department to house pre-RTA youth¹ in a facility that does not have necessary child care and a nursery program for youth who give birth while in custody.

Type of Variance: Limited

Date on which variance will commence: January 8, 2019

Time period, if any: Seven days, ending January 15, 2020

Minimum Standard for which Variance is Granted: 3-06(e)(5)

Date on which Board of Correction first approved variance (for renewals only):
July 10, 2018

Requirements imposed as conditions on variance:

1. DOC shall notify the Board, in writing, of each admission of a pregnant youth to a facility within three business days of such admission and such notification shall include a description of the steps to be taken to seek her transfer to a facility where she can reside with her baby.
2. DOC shall ensure that the agencies maintain appropriate placements outside of the SSD facility for pregnant and parenting girls where these youth could be placed without being separated from their children.
3. The City shall present more specific information regarding the provision of services for young mothers with their children. This shall include an update on the contracts at the July public meeting and a full report at a fall BOC meeting.

¹ 1 Pre-RTA youth refers to Rikers youth and gap-year youth.