

Addendum
to
Equal Employment Opportunity Policy
Standards and Procedures To be Utilized By City Agencies (2014)

Section I. of the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy, page 2, is hereby amended to read as follows:

The City of New York is an equal opportunity employer and prohibits discriminatory employment actions against and treatment of City employees and applicants for employment based on actual or perceived race, color, national origin, alienage or citizenship status, religion or creed, gender (including “gender identity” -- which refers to a person’s actual or perceived sex, and includes self-image, appearance, behavior or expression, whether or not different from that traditionally associated with the legal sex assigned to the person at birth), disability, age (18 and over), military status, prior record of arrest or conviction, marital status, partnership status, **caregiver status**,¹ genetic information or predisposing genetic characteristic, sexual orientation, status as a victim or witness of domestic violence, sex offenses or stalking, and unemployment status, and **consumer credit history**.²

¹ The protected category of “caregiver status” was added to the New York City’s Human Rights Law on January 5, 2016, and took effect on May 4, 2016. A caregiver is defined as a person who provides direct and ongoing care for a minor child (under the age of 18) or a care recipient. A “care recipient” is defined as a person with a disability who is either a covered relative, or a person who resides in the caregiver’s household and who relies on the caregiver for medical care or to meet the needs of daily living. A covered relative is defined as a caregiver’s child, spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, grandchild or grandparent, or the child or parent of the caregiver’s spouse or domestic partner, or any other individual in a familial relationship with the caregiver as designated by the rules of the New York City Commission on Human Rights.

² “Consumer credit history” was added as a protected category to the New York City Human Rights Law on May 6, 2015 and went into effect on September 3, 2015. Certain positions are exempt, such as police officers and peace officers. The New York City Commission on Human Rights has issued interpretative guidance (available on its website) on this law.