

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: October 8, 2002

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Citizens with Mental Retardation
Substituted Consent for Health Care Decisions"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 14-341

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because no additional staff or resources will be required. The proposed legislation will have no affect on General Fund revenue.

Background

The proposed legislation would authorize the Administrator of the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Administration (MRDDA) to grant, refuse, or withdraw consent, for health care services on behalf of incapacitated clients upon the certification of two licensed physicians. Certain limitations would apply.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial because no additional staff or resources will be required to implement the proposed legislation. There has been a temporary version of similar legislation in place with which MRDDA has been able to comply with current resources.