

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi [signature]  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** June 16, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: “District of Columbia Cancer  
Prevention Amendment Act of 2004”

**REFERENCE:** Bill Number 15-875

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2005 through FY 2008 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because there is no significant financial impact associated with the provisions of the proposal.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would amend the District of Columbia Cancer Prevention Act of 1990 (D.C. Official Code § 31-2901 *et seq.*) to clarify that coinsurance or a co-payment is not required for baseline mammograms, annual screening mammograms, annual cervical cytologic screening and cervical cytologic screening certified by an attending physician as being necessary. Current law specifies that these benefits are not subject to “an annual or coinsurance deductible.” (D.C. Official Code § 31-2902). Coinsurance or co-payments would remain applicable to the office visits associated with those screenings and to services performed by an out-of-network provider in a preferred provider plan.

**Financial Plan Impact**

The proposed legislation is a clarification of the District of Columbia Cancer Prevention Act of 1990 (D.C. Official Code § 31-2901 *et seq.*). Therefore, funds are sufficient in the FY 2005 through FY 2008 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because there is no significant financial impact associated with the provisions of the proposal. No public providers are currently charging co-payments or coinsurance for these screenings.