

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 [signature]
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: May 11, 2004

SUBJECT: FIS: “Medical Homes Grant Making Act of 2004”

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation – Bill Number Not Available

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2005 through FY 2008 budget and financial plan proposed by the Mayor to the Council to implement the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would authorize the Office of the City Administrator to award Medical Homes DC a non-competitive grant from capital funds available to the Department of Health (outside of any contract authorized by the Health Care Privatization Amendment Act of 2001 (D.C. Official Code § 7-1401)). It would authorize grants not to exceed: \$1 million in FY 2005, \$7 million in FY 2006, and \$7 million in FY 2007 to support Medical Homes DC. Medical Homes DC seeks to ensure that all residents of the District have a “medical home.” A medical home is a local medical facility in a patient’s community where a patient has a primary care physician, can be seen regardless of ability to pay, and will seek non-emergency medical care.

The funds contributed by the District to Medical Homes DC are to be used to conduct initial analysis of the need for services in the District’s neighborhoods and to implement plans to make capital improvements to these facilities.

Financial Plan Impact

The proposed legislation would authorize grants not to exceed: \$1 million in FY 2005, \$7 million in FY 2006, and \$7 million in FY 2007 to support Medical Homes DC. These grant funds are included in the FY 2005 through FY 2008 budget and financial plan proposed by the Mayor to the Council on March 29, 2004. The grant awards would be subject to necessary appropriation, legal availability of funding and matching revenues provided by Medical Homes DC of at least 50 percent of the fiscal year's grant.