

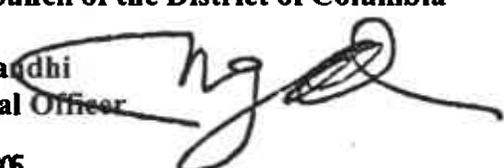
**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: MAY 31 2005

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Childhood Lead Screening
Amendment Act of 2005"

REFERENCE: Draft Resolution to be Introduced

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the Mayor's and Council's proposed FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed resolution amends the Childhood Lead Poisoning Screening and Reporting Act of 2002,¹ which requires health care providers to screen children for elevated blood lead levels, once between the ages of six months and nine months, and a second time, between the ages of twenty and twenty-four months. This resolution will extend the age range of the first required screening from nine to fourteen months based on the recommendation of the Department of Health Lead Screening Advisory Committee.

Financial Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. Because the total number of children to be screened remains the same, costs are not expected to increase by extending the age range by five months.

¹ D.C. Code Sec. 7-1033(b)