

**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   
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** AUG 24 2006

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Physical Therapy Practice Amendment Act of 2005"

**REFERENCE:** Bill 16-437 As Introduced

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2007 through FY 2010 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because no additional staff or resources would be required.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would amend the District's "Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985" (D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.02 (12)) to permit physical therapists to evaluate and treat patients without prescription of or referral by a licensed physician, osteopath, dentist, or podiatrist, or by a licensed registered nurse certified to practice as an advanced registered nurse. The proposed legislation is intended to bring the District in line with physical therapy referral requirements in the majority of other states.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2007 through FY 2010 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because no additional staff or resources would be required. The Department of Health will absorb any additional operating costs from existing appropriated budget resources.