

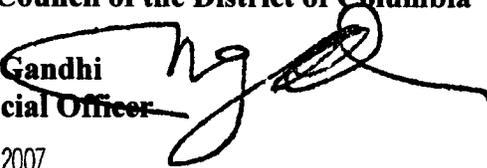
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: NOV 21 2007

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Medicaid State Plan Amendment for a Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Broker Delivery System Approval Resolution of 2008"

REFERENCE: Draft Resolution – Number Not Available

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed resolution.

Background

The proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) will allow the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) to provide and coordinate Non-Emergency Transportation (NET) services to fee-for-service Medicaid recipients through an approved broker. The broker verifies enrollment in Medicaid or SCHIP, that the trip is a covered service, arranges for the transportation, and reimburses the transportation provider.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed resolution.

A vendor contract was signed on July 20, 2007 to provide NET broker services under the authority of an approved 1915(b) waiver. That waiver will expire in December 2007. MAA is seeking approval from the U.S. Department of Health, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to operate the transportation broker as a State Plan authorized service. Therefore, the proposed resolution would make permanent a program that is already included in MAA's FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan. No additional staff or resources would be required.