

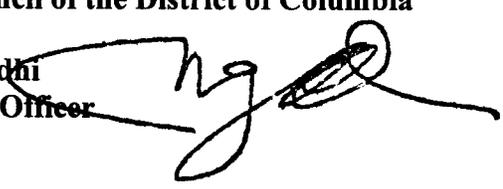
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: May 22, 2008

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Grandparent Caregivers Pilot Program Rules Amendment Approval Resolution of 2008"

REFERENCE: Draft Resolution – No Number Available

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 budget and the proposed FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed resolution.

Background

The proposed resolution would approve rules amending Chapter 68 of Title 29 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations governing the Grandparent Caregivers Pilot Program (Program),¹ to expand eligibility and streamline the application process for grandparent caregivers applying for Program subsidies. It would also change the requirement for a criminal background check from every year to every two years. The proposed resolution also makes technical changes to the Program rules intended to facilitate the goal of expanding eligibility for entrance into the Program.

The emergency rules were adopted and became effective on February 26, 2008.

¹ Established in the Grandparent Caregivers Pilot Program Establishment Act of 2005, effective March 8, 2006. D.C. Law 16-69; D.C. Official Code § 4-251.02

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 budget and the proposed FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed resolution. Per D.C. Official Code § 4-251.04, Program subsidies are subject to the availability of appropriations and are explicitly not an entitlement. Therefore, expanding eligibility would not provide for an expenditure commitment beyond what is included in an annual appropriation for Program subsidies. In addition, per D.C. Official Code § 4-251.03(e), a grandparent caregiver's subsidy can be terminated based on the unavailability of appropriated funds.

The District Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) can absorb implementing the provisions of the proposed resolution with existing resources.