

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
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DATE: NOV 11 2008

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Adverse Event Reporting Requirement Amendment Act of 2008"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 17-858, Committee Print dated November 7, 2008

Conclusion

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

Background

The proposed legislation would amend the Medical Malpractice Amendment Act of 2006¹ to require health care providers and medical facilities providing services in the District of Columbia to submit a report of an adverse event to the system administrator² within 60 days of the occurrence, or less as determined by the Board of Medicine. Current law requires health care providers to submit such reports on a biannual basis—on January 1 and July 1 of each calendar year.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The Department of Health could implement the provisions of the proposed legislation with existing resources.

¹ Effective March 14, 2007. D.C. Law 16-263; D.C. Official Code § 7-161(d)(1).

² Currently, the Senior Deputy Director for the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration.