

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



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Kwame R. Brown  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** April 12, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – “Collaborative Care Expansion Amendment Act of 2012”

**REFERENCE:** Bill Number 19-657 – Draft Committee Print, shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on March 28, 2012

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 budget and the proposed FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed bill.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would amend the Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985<sup>1</sup> to allow pharmacists and physicians to enter into “collaborative practice agreements” which, when approved by the Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Medicine, would allow the pharmacist to initiate, modify, or discontinue drug therapy as agreed to by the patient’s physician. The Boards of Pharmacy and Medicine would jointly issue rules outlining their approval process and guidelines for implementing collaborative practice agreements.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 budget and the proposed FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed bill. The Boards of Medicine and Pharmacy can implement this legislation with existing resources.

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<sup>1</sup> Effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 *et seq.*).