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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: October 4, 2018

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Medical Necessity Review Criteria
Amendment Act of 2018

REFERENCE: Bill 22-807, Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue
Analysis on September 20, 2018

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill requires¹ the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to issue rules to establish criteria to determine whether mental health rehabilitation services² are medically necessary. The rules must be submitted to Council for a 45-day review period. Currently, medical necessity criteria are not uniformly interpreted across all providers in the District.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DBH can absorb the cost of developing new mental health rehabilitation rules within existing resources. No additional funds are needed to implement the bill.

¹ By amending Section 5119 of the Department of Behavioral Health Establishment Act of 2013, effective December 24, 2013 (D.C. Law 20-61; D.C. Official Code § 7-1141.08).

² As defined in Section 3499.1 of Title 22A of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (22A DCMR § 3499.1).