

Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: February 14, 2019

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Community Health Investment Act of 2019

REFERENCE: Draft bill as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on February 12, 2019.

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Conclusion

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

Background

The bill requires¹ health care facilities to add community benefits as a condition of holding or receiving a certificate of need.² The legislation further requires health care facilities to specify the community benefits available to District residents, rather than the community at large. The bill also updates definitions of charity care, community benefits, and uncompensated care.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Department of Health can absorb the costs associated with establishing community benefit standards as part of the certificate of need review process.

¹ By amending The Health Services Planning Program Re-establishment Act of 1996, effective April 9, 1997 (D.C. Law 11-191; D.C. Official Code § 44-401 et seq.).

² All proposals to offer or develop new institutional health service or to obligate a capital expenditure to obtain an asset must obtain a certificate of need from the State Health Planning and Development Agency that demonstrates a public need for the new service or expenditure.