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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: February 27, 2020

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Pregnancy as a Qualifying Event Act of 2020

REFERENCE: Bill 23-584, Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on February 14, 2020

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill requires health insurers that offers individual or group health insurance coverage in the District to allow for a special enrollment period for pregnant individuals. The individual insurance market must offer open enrollment for sixty days from the date of confirmation of pregnancy, and the group insurance market must give individuals the option to enroll for at least thirty days from the date of confirmation of pregnancy. Coverage is retroactive to the first of the month in which a health care professional certifies the pregnancy.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act allows state-based marketplaces to have special enrollment periods beyond what federal law mandates. There is no cost to the Health Benefit Exchange to implement the bill's individual market provisions. There is also no cost for the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking to implement the bill's group market provisions.