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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: December 11, 2013

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Expedited Partner Therapy Act of 2013”

REFERENCE: Bill 20-343 – Committee Print, shared with the Office of Revenue
Analysis on December 3, 2013

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill allows healthcare practitioners to prescribe prescription drugs to partners of patients diagnosed with chlamydia, gonorrhea, or trichomoniasis¹ without performing an examination of the partner. The prescribing practitioner must give informational materials² to the patient and must report to the Department of Health (DOH) the number of expedited partner therapy prescriptions they issue³.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

The bill will have no fiscal impact on the District government. While Medicaid recipients will be one group affected by this bill, the bill will not increase the number of Medicaid beneficiaries, expand

¹ The Department of Health may add other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) to the list of those covered by the bill by submitting a report with its reasoning to the Council.

² Materials must include information on possible side effects of prescribed medications, STI prevention, and minimizing disease transferal, among other things.

³ This will be added to DOH’s current STI reporting requirements for healthcare practitioners.

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covered services, or affect the rates paid for any services. The Department of Health Care Finance says while it expects the bill to decrease the amount of time it takes partners to obtain prescriptions, it is unlikely the bill will affect the number of prescriptions filled using Medicaid⁴.

⁴ Per an email conversation with Darrin Shaffer, DHCF's Agency Fiscal Officer, on December 5, 2013.