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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: March 25, 2015

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement -Access to Contraceptives Amendment Act of 2015

REFERENCE: Bill 21-20, Draft Committee Print shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on March 19, 2015

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill requires¹ health insurers that cover contraception (including Medicaid) to allow women to get up to 12-months worth of prescription contraception at a time

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill has no cost to the Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking, which regulates health insurers. The bill also has no cost to the District's Medicaid program. The Department of Health Care Finance, which runs D.C. Medicaid, believes the bill might decrease dispensing costs but increase costs associated with women switching prescriptions or needing replacement prescriptions. The net effect is unknown, but negligible.

¹ By amending the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Federal Law Conformity Act of 2000, effective April 3, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-254; D.C. Code § 31-3831 *et seq.*).