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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Philip H. Mendelson  
Chair, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** July 5, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – “Grandparent Caregivers Program  
Amendment Act of 2012”

**REFERENCE:** Draft Bill – As Shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 19,  
2012

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The bill amends current law<sup>1</sup> to allow the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) to place a child at risk of being removed from his or her home with a grandparent who is willing to care for the child. Current law prevents CFSA from placing an at-risk child with a willing grandparent and providing that grandparent with a subsidy to care for the child unless the grandparent has been the child’s primary caretaker and the child has resided with the grandparent for the previous six months.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the bill. Allowing CFSA to place at-risk children with willing grandparents will not have a negative impact on the agency’s budget. The agency has the resources available within the grandparent caregiver subsidy program to implement this change immediately. The CFSA grandparent caregiver program is currently running a surplus, which would allow CFSA to absorb

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<sup>1</sup> Grandparent Caregivers Pilot Program Establishment Act of 2005, effective March 8, 2006 (D.C. Law 16-69; D.C. Official Code § 4-251.03).

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the cost of providing these subsidies in FY 2012. Additionally, because multiple subsidies end every month, there will be funds available in future years to cover the cost of subsidizing additional cases.