

Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Mary M. Cheh  
Acting Chair, Council of the District of Columbia

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

**DATE:** June 11, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement - "Health Services Planning Program  
Amendment Emergency Act of 2012"

**REFERENCE:** Draft legislation, shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 4,  
2012

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 budget and the FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed emergency, temporary, and permanent versions of the bill.

**Background**

The bill would amend the Health Services Planning Program Re-establishment Act of 1996<sup>1</sup> to revise procedures for appeals of State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) decisions and clarify that fees must be paid before SHPDA begins to review an application. The bill would also impose a two-year moratorium on issuing certificates of need for home health services to allow SHPDA time to assess the current need for new home health services providers and develop new standards for home health services. If SHPDA determines during the moratorium period that there is an immediate need for new providers, it may rescind the moratorium by publishing a notice in the District of Columbia Register.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 budget and the FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed emergency, temporary, and permanent versions of the bill. The bill does not affect SHPDA's budget.

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<sup>1</sup> Effective April 9, 1997 (D.C. Law 11-191; D.C. Official Code § 44-401 *et seq.*)