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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: June 19, 2012

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Medicaid 1915(c) Home and Community-based Services for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities Waiver Program Renewal Approval Resolution of 2012”

REFERENCE: Draft resolution, shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 13, 2012

Conclusion

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

Background

The resolution supports the renewal of the Medicaid 1915(c) waiver that authorizes the District’s Medicaid program to serve individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in their homes and in community-based settings. The waiver will be amended to enhance home and community-based services, including adding three additional services: host home without transportation, individualized day supports, and bereavement counseling as part of wellness services.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the resolution. The estimated local costs of the waiver – \$49.8 million in FY 2013 and \$215.7 million for the four-year financial plan period – are included in the FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan. As part of the waiver application to the federal government, the District has to demonstrate that the costs of waiver services are less than or equal to the costs of providing the waiver participants with an alternative care approach, which in this case is institutionalized care. The District’s waiver application demonstrates that the waiver costs are significantly less than the alternative.