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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Kwame R. Brown
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: April 2, 2012

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Non-Emergency Transportation for
Individuals Receiving Services Under the 1915(c) ID/DD Program
Waiver Approval Resolution of 2012”

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation, shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on March
2, 2012

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 budget and the proposed FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed resolution.

Background

The Department of Healthcare Finance (DHCF) is seeking authorization to contract with a transportation broker to provide non-emergency transportation services to intellectually and developmentally disabled participants in the Home and Community Based Services program. The proposed resolution would support DHCF’s application for a Medicaid 1915(b)(4) waiver to obtain the contracting authority.

Currently, all other participants in the Home and Community Based Services program must use DHCF’s contracted vendor, Medical Transportation Management, for their non-emergency transportation. The proposed 1915(b)(4) waiver would extend the same requirement to intellectually and developmentally disabled participants. The waiver is only necessary until January, 2013, when the District can gain approval to revise its Home and Community Based Services program to include these participants.

Financial Plan Impact

The Honorable Kwame R. Brown

FIS: "Non-Emergency Transportation for Individuals Receiving Services Under the 1915(c) ID/DD Program Waiver Approval Resolution of 2012," draft legislation shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on March 2, 2012

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 budget and the proposed FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed resolution.

In practice, intellectually and developmentally disabled Medicaid beneficiaries in the District already use DHCF's contracted vendor for their non-emergency transportation needs. The 1915(b)(4) waiver is intended to align the Medicaid program's formal requirements with current practice. Therefore, any efficiency savings from streamlining the program to one vendor are already reflected in the budget and financial plan.