

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: November 5, 2002

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Criminal Background Checks for Health-Care Workers Approval Resolution of 2002"

REFERENCE: Draft Rulemaking – Regulation Number Not Available

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed regulations. No additional staff or resources would be required because the incremental costs of implementing the regulations are expected to be more than offset by the fines that would be collected.

Background

The proposed regulations would add violations for the requirements for criminal background checks for unlicensed health care workers on the civil infractions fine schedule. This would allow enforcement through the issuance of civil infraction notices and the collection of civil infraction fines.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed regulations. It is expected that the fines collected will more than offset the incremental costs of implementing the proposed regulations. According to the Department of Health, current staffing is sufficient to survey for noncompliance and to adjudicate the notices of infraction. The fines will be at \$500 or \$1,000 for each instance of noncompliance with the regulations by a health care facility.