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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: NOV 14 2006

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Determination of Eligibility for
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB) Approval Resolution
of 2006"

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation – Bill Number Not Available

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2007 through FY 2010 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed State Plan Amendment which would broaden the eligibility criteria for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries. The approval resolution would implement Section 5092(2) of the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Support Act of 2006 whose fiscal effects are included in the FY 2007 baseline budget.

Background

The proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) would implement Section 5092(2) of the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Support Act of 2006. This State Plan Amendment would increase the maximum eligibility standards for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries and Special Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries to 300 percent of the federal poverty level guidelines. The proposed changes would increase the amount of countable income that would be disregarded for individuals in these income categories who are eligible for Medicaid Part D drug pharmacy coverage.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds have been included in the FY 2007 budget and financial plan to implement this initiative. Because this change would affect a very small number of beneficiaries, the budgeted impact is minimal.