


Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: December 1, 2011

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Department of Health Functions
Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2011”

REFERENCE: Draft legislation shared with OCFO on November 30, 2011

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would authorize the Department of Health (DOH) to issue grants in FY 2012 for the purposes of providing clinical nutritional home delivery services for individuals living with cancer and other life-threatening diseases and providing commodity food, nutrition education, and related services to pregnant and post-partum women, children, and seniors.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation does not have an impact on the District’s budget and financial plan, as it only provides grant-making authority to DOH and does not authorize an expenditure of funds.

Federal and District anti-deficiency laws prohibit District officers and employees from exceeding agency appropriations in any fiscal year.¹ Thus, DOH must ensure that the funds are available before obligating them for these grants.

¹ 31 U.S.C. § 1341 (2000); D.C. Official Code § 47.355.01 *et seq.* (2003).