

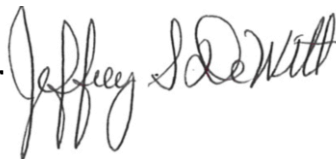
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: October 1, 2020

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Opioid Labeling Amendment Act of 2020

REFERENCE: Bill 23-535, Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on September 25, 2020

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2024 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill requires¹ pharmacies to affix warning labels to prescription drug bottles filled with opioids. The labels must state that there is a risk of overdose and addiction when taking opioid medications. The Department of Health (DC Health) and Board of Pharmacy may specify through rulemaking where the warning label must be placed on the bottle and the color and font size of the warning label.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2024 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DC Health can establish rules with regards to opioid prescription bottle labeling without additional resources.

¹ By amending Section 15 of the District of Columbia Certificate of Need Act of 1980, September 16, 1980 (D.C. Law 3-98; D.C. Official Code § 48-2885.14).