

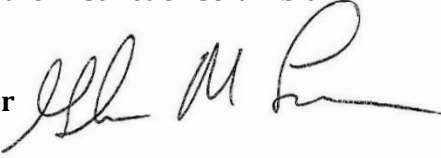
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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Glen Lee  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** October 6, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Prescription Drug Monitoring Program  
Amendment Act of 2023

**REFERENCE:** Bill 25-244, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue  
Analysis on October 3, 2023

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The District's Department of Health (DC Health) operates a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) that requires certain dispensers (e.g., retail pharmacists) of covered drugs to report certain information on the patient, prescriber, and prescription. PDMP aims to identify and reduce diversion of prescription drugs and enhance patient care by providing information that assures legitimate use of controlled substances.

The bill allows DC Health to disclose aggregate and summary PDMP data that has been processed to remove identifying information about individual patients, prescribers, and dispensers to public or private entities for statistical, research, educational, or grant application purposes. The bill further allows DC Health to charge a fee to offset the costs of reaching an agreement on data sharing and monitoring compliance with that agreement, as well the costs of data searching, aggregation, anonymizing, sampling, and cleaning. All fees must be deposited into the non-lapsing Department of Health Regulatory Enforcement Fund.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> As established by section 4902(c) of the Department of Health Functions Clarification Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28, D.C. Official Code § 7-731(c)).

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

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### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Any costs that result from disclosing aggregate and summary PDMP data to public or private entities for statistical, research, educational, or grant application purposes will be offset by fees charged by DC Health. No additional resources are required to implement the bill.