


**Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: September 16, 2009

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Shelter and Supportive Housing Regulations Approval Resolution of 2009"

REFERENCE: Draft Resolution – No number available

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed resolution.

Background

The proposed resolution would approve rules¹ adopted by the Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS) that set forth the intake process, eligibility criteria, client rights and responsibilities, provider standards, and appeal procedures for the District of Columbia's Shelter and Supportive Housing Program. These rules would be detailed in a new Chapter 25 (Shelter and Supportive Housing for Individuals and Families) of Title 29 (Public Welfare) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations and would replace the current Chapter 25 in its entirety.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed resolution. These rules reflect current procedures and

¹ Pursuant to Section 31 of the District of Columbia Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, effective October 22, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code § 4-756.02).

do not add any new responsibilities for Providers² or the District of Columbia Government, including DHS, the Office of Shelter Monitoring, and the Office of Administrative Hearings. As such, they do not have a cost. In addition, the rules clearly state that two new programs—the Permanent Supportive Housing Program and Systems Transformation Initiative Program—are subject to annual appropriations and the availability of funds. Therefore, this resolution has no fiscal impact.

² An individual or entity within the Continuum of Care that operates a program covered by the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, effective October 22, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code §§ 4-753.01(c) and 4-754.11(5)). Providers include both the District of Columbia Government, as well as entities that receive funding from either the District of Columbia or the federal government, if such funds are administered by the Department of Human Services.