



July 13, 2023

The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 504  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed for consideration and enactment by the Council of the District of Columbia is the "DC Health Care Alliance Enrollment Rulemaking Emergency Approval Act of 2023," along with an accompanying emergency declaration resolution.

This legislation will approve proposed final rules of the Department of Health Care Finance to implement a 12-month certification period for the DC Health Care Alliance ("Alliance") program and require renewals to occur every 12 months. This change will remove barriers to Alliance beneficiaries in maintaining health care coverage and create greater parity with Medicaid eligibility requirements and processes.

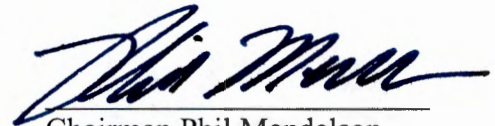
If you have any questions regarding the proposed legislation, please contact Acting Chief of Staff and Director of Health Care Policy and Research Administration, DHCF, Eugene Simms, at (202) 427-1509.

I urge the Council to take prompt and favorable action on the legislation.

Sincerely,

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Muriel Bowser



Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve proposed final rules submitted to the Council pursuant to section 7a of the Health Care Privatization Amendment Act of 2001 to provide for implementation of statutory changes that extend the certification period for DC Health Care Alliance program eligibility.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “DC Health Care Alliance Enrollment Rulemaking Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. (a) There is an immediate need to approve proposed final rules of the Department of Health Care Finance regarding the DC Health Care Alliance (“Alliance”) program.

(b) Pursuant to section 7a of the Health Care Privatization Amendment Act of 2001 (“Act”), effective March 30, 2004 (D.C. Law 15-109; D.C. Official Code § 7-1406), the Council must approve, by act, proposed final rules that implement the Act, which established the Health Care Safety Net Administration, which administers the Alliance program.

(b) The Department of Health Care Finance in March 2023 issued a notice of proposed rulemaking to extend the certification period for Alliance program eligibility to

34 12 months beginning in Fiscal Year 2023, in conformity with section 7b(e) of the Act  
35 (D.C. Official Code § 7-1407(e)).

36 (d) The proposed final rules will remove barriers for Alliance beneficiaries in  
37 maintaining health care coverage and create greater parity with Medicaid eligibility  
38 requirements and processes.

39 (e) Approval on an emergency basis is necessary to fully implement the law  
40 regarding eligibility periods and reduce barriers to establishing and continuing Alliance  
41 program eligibility.

42 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the  
43 circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it  
44 necessary that the Alliance Enrollment Rulemaking Emergency Approval Act of 2023 be  
45 adopted after a single reading.

46 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.