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CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson

FROM: Councilmember Vincent C. Gray, Chair, Committee on Health
Councilmember Charles Allen, Chair, Committee on the Judiciary and Public
Safety

DATE: June 2, 2022

SUBJECT: Request to Place Emergency Measures on the Agenda for June 7, 2022
Legislative Meeting

Vincent C. Gray

Charles Allen

This memo is my and Councilmember Charles Allen's request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the June 7, 2022 Legislative Meeting:

- **Opioid Overdose Prevention Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022**
- **Opioid Overdose Prevention Emergency Amendment Act of 2022**
- **Opioid Overdose Prevention Temporary Amendment Act of 2022**

Under existing District law, the distribution of fentanyl test strips is generally considered the illegal distribution of drug paraphernalia. The law was recently amended to authorize the distribution of fentanyl testing strips, but it only permitted distribution by community-based organizations. In order for the District to more successfully implement its opioid overdose prevention program, it is important that District government employees acting within the scope of their official duties and District contractors acting within the scope of their contract also be authorized to legally distribute fentanyl test strips and other drug testing equipment. The legislation would therefore permit employees of the District government acting within the scope of their official duties and District contractors acting within the scope of their contract to deliver, or possess with the intent to deliver, drug testing equipment.

This memo is also my request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the June 7, 2022 Legislative Meeting:

- **Modification Nos. 15, 16, and 17 to Contract No. CW63144 with Consumer Direct District of Columbia, LLC Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022**
- **Modification Nos. 15, 16, and 17 to Contract No. CW63144 with Consumer Direct District of Columbia, LLC Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2022**

The contract with Consumer Direct is to provide financial management services and broker support services to Medicaid participants. The base period (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019) of the contract, approved by Council in 2018 (CA22-723), was for the amount of \$3.5 million. Option Year 1 (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020) was approved for the same amount the following year (CA23-724). Option Year 2 (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021) was approved for \$5 million the next year.

Modification No. 15 exercised a partial Option Year 3 for \$955,000 for October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Modification No. 16 corrected the number of participants being supported and increased the contract amount by \$662,600 for same period ending December 31, 2021. Modification No. 17 exercised the remainder of Option Year 3 from January 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022 in the amount of \$5.8 million. Council approval of these modifications is necessary to allow for the continuation of these vital services.

Copies of the emergencies and a contract summary are attached. For any questions or concerns, please contact Malcolm Cameron, Legislative Analyst, at (202) 341-4425 or mcameron@dccouncil.us.