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CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chairman Phil Mendelson

**FROM:** Councilmember Vincent C. Gray, Chairperson 

**DATE:** June 2, 2022

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

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This memo is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the June 7, 2022 Legislative Meeting.

- **High Need Healthcare Career Scholarship and Supports Program Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022**
- **High Need Healthcare Career Scholarship and Supports Program Emergency Act of 2022**

There exists an immediate need to address economic barriers for individuals interested in healthcare careers to help address the healthcare work force shortage for high-need healthcare positions and serve District residents. The Mayor's Commission on Healthcare Systems Transformation composed of 27 key healthcare leaders across the District examined multiple challenges resulting in health inequities in the District. The Committee on Equitable Geographic Distribution of Acute, Urgent, and Specialty Care, specifically discussed the need for recruiting sub-specialty healthcare workers to serve medically under-resourced areas within the District.

In order for the District to recruit more people to serve the health care needs for certain high need health care positions, it is important to address the economic barriers for education and training programs for these high need health care careers. A delay in providing this authorization could result in further delay of providing the healthcare supports needed for District residents.

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