COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

MEMORANDUM

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson

FROM: Councilmember Christina Henderson

RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the February 6, 2024 Legislative Meeting

DATE: January 31, 2024

At the request of the Mayor, I request that the following measures be agendized for the February 6, 2024 Legislative Meeting:

- □ PR25-0608, the "DC Health Care Alliance Enrollment Rulemaking Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024"
- B25-0668, the "DC Health Care Alliance Enrollment Rulemaking Emergency Approval Act of 2024"
 - o 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 by increasing the time periods for certification and renewals from 6-month to 12-month periods.
 - o For ease of reference, the Notice of Final Regulations is attached.
- □ PR25-0607, the "DC Health Care Alliance Financial Eligibility Rulemaking Approval Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024"
- □ <u>B25-0667</u>, the "DC Health Care Alliance Financial Eligibility Rulemaking Emergency Approval Act of 2024"
 - o This legislation will approve proposed final rules of the Department of Health Care Finance regarding the operation of the DC Healthcare Alliance program that will update the modified adjusted gross income financial methodology and increase the reasonable compatibility standard for verifying electronic data sources when an individual attests to their financial information. These changes will provide more room for errors that may be no fault of applicants or beneficiaries, and create a more streamlined and efficient automation of application and renewal processing that will reduce the risk of eligible Alliance beneficiaries losing health coverage.
 - o For ease of reference, the Notice of Final Regulations is attached.

Please contact Ona Balkus, Committee Director, obalkus@dccouncil.gov, with any questions.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia

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