

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 “District of Columbia Health Care Alliance Enrollment Rulemaking Approval Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

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 Approval Emergency Act of 2024 be
45 adopted after a single reading.

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