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The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 504  
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Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Please find attached the "Not for Profit Hospital Corporation Certificate of Need Exemption Emergency Amendment Act of 2014," the "Not for Profit Hospital Corporation Certificate of Need Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2014," and the "Not for Profit Hospital Corporation Certificate of Need Exemption Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014" for enactment by the Council of the District of Columbia. If enacted, the proposed legislation would grant the Not for Profit Hospital Corporation (UMC) a one-year exemption from Certificate of Need requirements for operation of clinic in Congress Heights provided that it begins operation of 2 mobile health clinics to serve the residents of the District of Columbia, particularly pregnant women and new mothers. I request enactment of the legislation because the District's infant mortality, while declining, remains higher than it should. Rollout of the 2 new mobile health clinics will allow UMC to provide services supplement the Healthy Start Program, which provides prenatal care and helps to reduce infant mortality.

I urge the Council to take prompt and favorable action on the "Not for Profit Hospital Corporation Certificate of Need Exemption Emergency Amendment Act of 2014," the "Not for Profit Hospital Corporation Certificate of Need Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2014," and the "Not for Profit Hospital Corporation Certificate of Need Exemption Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014."

Sincerely,

  
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Chairman Phil Mendelson,  
At the Request of the Mayor

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson introduced the following bill, at the request of the Mayor, which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

To exempt, on a temporary basis, the Not-For-Profit Hospital Corporation from the certificate-of-need requirements for a period of one year for the establishment of an ambulatory health care clinic in Ward 8, provided that it establishes two mobile health clinics to operate in Wards 7 and 8.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Not-For-Profit Hospital Corporation Certificate of Need Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2014".

Sec. 2. Section 8(b) of the Health Services Planning Program Re-establishment Act of 1996, effective April 9, 1997 (D.C. Law 11-191; D.C. Official Code § 44-407(b)), is amended by adding a new paragraph (14) to read as follows:

"(14) Operation by the Not-For-Profit Hospital Corporation of an ambulatory care clinic in the Congress Heights neighborhood of Ward 8; provided, that the Not-For-Profit Hospital Corporation also establishes 2 mobile health clinics to operate in Wards 7 and 8 within 180 days of the effective date of the Not-For-Profit Hospital Corporation Certificate of Need

1 Exemption Emergency Amendment Act of 2014. The establishment of the mobile health clinics  
2 shall also be exempt from the certificate of need requirements. The exemptions provided in this  
3 paragraph shall expire one calendar year from the effective date of the Not-For-Profit Hospital  
4 Corporation Certificate of Need Emergency Exemption Amendment Act of 2014.”.

5 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

6 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal  
7 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,  
8 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206(c)(3)).

9 Sec. 4. Effective date.

10 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor, (or in the event of veto by  
11 the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto), a 30-day  
12 period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia  
13 Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(1)), and  
14 publication in the District of Columbia Register.

15 (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.