

A RESOLUTION

25-486

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 2, 2024

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve proposed final rules 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, effective March 30, 2004 (D.C. Law 15-109; D.C. Official Code § 7-1406) (“Act”), the Council must approve, by act, proposed final rules that implement the Act.

(c) 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 12 months beginning in Fiscal Year 2023, in conformity with section 7b(e) (D.C. Official Code § 7-1407(e)).

(d) The proposed final rules will remove barriers for Alliance beneficiaries in maintaining health care coverage and create greater parity with Medicaid eligibility requirements and processes.

(e) Approval on an emergency basis is necessary to fully implement the law regarding eligibility periods and reduce barriers to establishing and continuing Alliance program eligibility.

Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the District of Columbia Health Care Alliance Enrollment Rulemaking Approval Emergency Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.