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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Health Care Benefits Expansion Act of 1992 to bring the percentage of the cost of health insurance paid by a District government employee for the coverage of a domestic partner and a domestic partner’s family members into parity with the percentage of health insurance paid by a District government employee for other family coverage.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Health Care Benefits Expansion Amendment Act of 2006”.

Sec. 2. Section 7 of the Health Care Benefits Expansion Act of 1992, effective June 11, 1992 (D.C. Law 9-114; D.C. Official Code § 32-706), is amended to read as follows:

**Amend  
§ 32-706**

"Sec. 7. Optional self-financed coverage: District of Columbia Employees Health Benefits Program.

“District government employees enrolled in the District of Columbia Employees Health Benefits Program shall be allowed to purchase family health insurance coverage that would cover the employee's family members as defined in section 2(7) in accordance with sections 2105, 2106, and 2107(a), (c), and (d) of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978, effective October 1, 1987 (D.C. Law 7-27; D.C. Official Code §§ 1-621.05, 1-621.06, and 1-621.07(a), (c), and (d)). A domestic partner shall not simultaneously be enrolled for individual and family member coverage. The employee shall pay 25 % of the cost of family health insurance coverage for the domestic partner or family members as defined in section 2(7), and the District government shall pay the remaining 75 %.

Sec. 3. Applicability.

This act shall apply as of the later of January 1, 2007 or its inclusion in an approved budget and financial plan.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, effective December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

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Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia