

SHB 2376 - H AMD 816

By Representative Sawyer

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1 On page 119, after line 24, insert the following:

2 "(mm)(i) The legislature intends to provide that dental health
3 aide therapist services are eligible for medicaid funding in order
4 to promote increased dental care access for persons served in
5 settings operated by Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and urban
6 Indian organizations.

7 (ii) The health care authority is directed to coordinate with
8 the centers for medicare and medicaid services to provide that
9 dental health aide therapist services are eligible for federal
10 funding of up to one hundred percent if:

11 (A) The services are authorized by:

12 (I) A federal community health aide program certification board;
13 or

14 (II) A federally recognized Indian tribe that has adopted
15 certification standards that meet or exceed the requirements of a
16 federal community health aide program certification board; and

17 (B) All services are performed:

18 (I) In a practice setting within the exterior boundaries of a
19 tribal reservation and operated by an Indian health program or an
20 urban Indian organization;

21 (II) In accordance with the standards adopted by the certifying
22 body in (a) of this subsection, including scope of practice,
23 training, supervision, and continuing education;

24 (III) Pursuant to any applicable written standing orders by a
25 supervising dentist; and

26 (IV) On persons who are members of a federally recognized tribe or
27 otherwise eligible for services under Indian health service criteria,

1 pursuant to the Indian health care improvement act, 25 U.S.C. Sec.
2 1601 et seq."

3 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any
4 internal references accordingly.

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EFFECT: Directs the Medical Assistance program in the Health
Care Authority to seek federal Medicaid funding for dental health
aide therapist services provided by a federal or tribal program to
tribal members on tribal lands.

FISCAL IMPACT: No net change to appropriated levels.

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