

SB 5606 - S AMD 77
By Senator McCoy

WITHDRAWN 3/3/2015

1 On page 5, after line 13, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) A federally recognized Indian tribe, tribal organization, or
5 urban Indian organization is authorized to train, employ, or contract
6 with or for the services of a dental health aide, including a dental
7 health aide therapist. Any dental health aide, including a dental
8 health aide therapist, employed or contracted to perform services
9 under this section must be certified by either a federal community
10 health aide program certification board or an Indian tribe that has
11 adopted equivalent or higher standards than those imposed by a
12 federal community health aide program certification board regarding
13 curriculum, training, scope of practice, continuing education, and
14 supervision requirements. A federally recognized Indian tribe, tribal
15 organization, or urban Indian organization is also authorized to
16 supervise a dental health aide, including a dental health aide
17 therapist, trained, employed, or contracted to perform services under
18 this section.

19 (2) A dental health aide, including a dental health aide
20 therapist, employed or contracted to perform services under this
21 section may perform only those procedures permitted under standards
22 adopted by a federal community health aide program certification
23 board or an Indian tribe that has adopted equivalent or higher
24 standards than those imposed by a federal community health aide
25 program certification board regarding scope of practice, continuing
26 education, and supervision requirements. A dental health aide,
27 including a dental health aide therapist, is subject to any service
28 limitations provided by the Indian health care improvement act, 25
29 U.S.C. Sec. 16161. A dental health aide, including a dental health
30 aide therapist, is also subject to any applicable limitations written
31 by the supervising dentist of the dental health aide in standing
32 orders.

1 (3) A dental health aide, including a dental health aide
2 therapist, employed or contracted to perform services under this
3 section may do so only in practice settings operated by an Indian
4 health program or an urban Indian organization.

5 (4) For purposes of this section, the terms "Indian tribe,"
6 "Indian health program," "tribal organization," and "urban Indian
7 organization" have the same meanings given to them in the Indian
8 health care improvement act, 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1603.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 The health care authority is directed to coordinate with the
12 centers for medicare and medicaid services to ensure the dental
13 health aide services authorized in section 4 of this act are eligible
14 for maximum federal funding of up to one hundred percent. It is the
15 intent of the legislature to ensure dental health aide services,
16 including those of dental health aide therapists, by Indian tribes,
17 tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations are eligible for
18 medicaid funding to promote increased dental care access for persons
19 served in these practice settings in accord with the Indian health
20 care improvement act, 25 U.S.C. Sec. 16161."

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21 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "professionals" strike all
22 material through "Canada; and" on line 5 and insert ";" and on line
23 5, after "18.260.040" insert "; adding a new section to chapter 43.70
24 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW"

EFFECT: Federally recognized tribes, tribal organizations and
urban Indian organizations may enter into contracts for services with
dental health aides. The health care authority must work with CMS to
ensure that dental health aides are eligible for federal funding.

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