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By Representative Sawyer

**WITHDRAWN 02/25/2016**

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

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

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

(A) The services are authorized by:

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

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

(B) All services are performed:

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

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

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

 (IV) On persons who are members of a federally recognized tribe or otherwise eligible for services under Indian health service criteria, pursuant to the Indian health care improvement act, 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1601 et seq."

 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any 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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