

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0114-19

**DATE:** May 2, 2019

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING ARIZONA SENATE BILL 1355 TITLED "AN ACT REQUIRING THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE INDIAN AND TRIBAL HEALTH PROVIDERS"

**PURPOSE:** If approved, this resolution will support Arizona Senate Bill 1355 titled "AN ACT REQUIRING THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE INDIAN AND TRIBAL HEALTH PROVIDERS."

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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Health Education & Human Services Committee  
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Naa'bik'iyáti' Committee

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

Daniel E. Jr.

Primary Sponsor

TRACKING NO. 0114-19

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMITTEE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING ARIZONA  
SENATE BILL 1355 TITLED "AN ACT REQUIRING THE ARIZONA HEALTH  
CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK  
FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE INDIAN AND TRIBAL  
HEALTH PROVIDERS"

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik'iyáti' Committee to coordinate all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to proposed county, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. *See* 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701 (A)(6). *See also* CO-45-12.
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Health Education and Human Services Committee ("HEHSC") as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered HEHSC to review and recommend resolutions relating to health within the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 400 *et seq.* *See also* CO-45-12.
- C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the State of Arizona.

1 D. During the First Regular Session of 2019, Arizona State Senator Heather Carter  
2 introduced Senate Bill 1355 to the 54<sup>th</sup> Legislature. *See* Arizona SB 1355 attached  
3 hereto as **Exhibit A**.

4 E. Arizona Senate Bill 1355 will require the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment  
5 System (“AHCCCS”) administration to seek federal authorization to reimburse the  
6 Indian Health Services and tribal facilities to cover the cost of eligible adult dental  
7 services. *Id. See also* **Exhibit B**.

8 F. The Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board Inc., Board of Directors supports the  
9 passage of SB 1355 and respectfully requests the Navajo Nation to support the  
10 passage of Arizona SB 1355. *See* **Exhibit B**.

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12 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

13 A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports Arizona Senate Bill 1355 titled “AN ACT  
14 REQUIRING THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM  
15 ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE  
16 INDIAN AND TRIBAL HEALTH PROVIDERS” attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

17 B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council,  
18 President of the Navajo Nation, and their designees, to advocate the Navajo Nation’s  
19 support of Arizona Senate Bill 1355.  
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State of Arizona  
Senate  
Fifty-fourth Legislature  
First Regular Session  
2019

## SENATE BILL 1355

AN ACT

REQUIRING THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION  
TO SEEK FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE INDIAN AND TRIBAL HEALTH  
PROVIDERS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. AHCCCS; federal authorization; adult dental  
3 services

4 The Arizona health care cost containment system administration shall  
5 seek federal authorization to reimburse the Indian health services and  
6 tribal facilities to cover the cost of adult dental services that are  
7 eligible for a federal medical assistance percentage of one hundred  
8 percent and that are in excess of the limits prescribed in sections  
9 36-2907 and 36-2939, Arizona Revised Statutes, and that are received  
10 through these entities.



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**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT DEFIANCE INDIAN  
HOSPITAL BOARD, INC. (FDIHB) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF SENATE  
BILL 1355 (S.B. 1355) WITHIN THE STATE OF ARIZONA FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**

**WHEREAS:**

1. The Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board, Inc. (FDIHB and Corporation will be used interchangeably), was approved and certified by the Navajo Nation Business Regulatory Department, Division of Economic Development, on July 31, 1995; and
2. FDIHB assumed operation and management of the Fort Defiance Indian Hospital, now called the Tséhootsooí Medical Center, Nahata Dził health center, and related health programs on March 28, 2010, pursuant to a self-determination contract authorized by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, P.L. 93-638, as amended; and
3. Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the FDIHB Bylaws, the FDIHB Board of Directors (Board) is empowered to conduct, manage, and control the affairs and business of the Corporation; and
4. Pursuant to Article X, Section 2 the CEO carries out the decisions and instructions of, and administering the policies of, the Board in the day-to-day affairs of the Corporation . . . the CEO shall manage the FDIHB facilities on behalf of the Board; and the CEO is empowered to act in areas where no policy has yet been established and immediate action is required.
5. Arizona State Senator Heather Carter sponsored S.B. 1355 titled: "An Act Requiring the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration to seek Federal Authorization to Reimburse Indian and Tribal Health Providers." Attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
6. S.B. 1355 was first read on February 4, 2019 and has passed the Arizona State Senate on February 28, 2019 and was transmitted to the House of Representatives (House) on February 28, 2019.
7. SB 1355 was first read at the House on March 5, 2019. The House then referred S.B. 1355 to the Health and Human Services Committee and the Rules Committee. SB 1355 second reading was on March 6, 2019. Bill Status Inquiry, is attached as **Exhibit B**.
8. S.B. 1355 purpose is to require the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) to seek federal authorization to reimburse the Indian Health Services (IHS) and tribal facilities to cover the cost of adult dental services. Fact Sheet for S.B. 1355 attached hereto as Exhibit C.
9. The Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) are published annually by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (U.S. Secretary of HHS) and used to determine the

amount of federal matching funds for state expenditures for assistance payments for certain social services and state medical insurance expenditures. The U.S. Secretary of HHS additionally prescribes an FMAP specifically for IHS and tribal facilities. The U.S. Social Security Act specifies that services provided to Medicaid-eligible patients at IHS and tribal facilities can be reimbursed at 100 percent of the FMAP (42 U.S.C. § 1905). See **Exhibit C**.

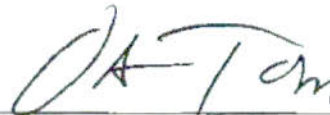
10. S.B. 1355 would require AHCCCS to seek federal authorization to reimburse IHS and tribal facilities for adult dental services at 100 percent of the cost through FMAP (42 U.S.C. § 1905), whereas currently tribal facilities are currently not receiving any reimbursement for adult dental services.
11. The Board finds it is in the best interest of the FDIHB to respectfully request the Navajo Nation to support the passage of Senate Bill 1355 within the State of Arizona Fifty-Fourth Legislature.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The FDIHB Board of Directors hereby respectfully request the Navajo Nation to support the passage of Senate Bill 1355 in the State of Arizona Fifty-Fourth Legislature. The FDIHB Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Board to advocate the Navajo Nation to support the passage of Senate Bill 1355 within the State of Arizona Fifty-Fourth Legislature.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the FDIHB Board of Directors at a duly called meeting held in Fort Defiance, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstained, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2019.



Oscencio Tom, Chairperson  
FDIHB Board of Directors

**MOTION:** Sonny Clark

**SECOND:** Juanita Martinez

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State of Arizona  
Senate  
Fifty-fourth Legislature  
First Regular Session  
2019

## **SENATE BILL 1355**

AN ACT

REQUIRING THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION  
TO SEEK FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE INDIAN AND TRIBAL HEALTH  
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8 percent and that are in excess of the limits prescribed in sections  
9 36-2907 and 36-2939, Arizona Revised Statutes, and that are received  
10 through these entities.

**Bill History for SB1355**

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| <b>Sponsors</b>             | CARTER                                                                                                                                                | P                |                    |               |             |            |             |                |            |              |                 |               |  |
| <b>Keywords</b>             | NATIVE AMERICANS, INDIAN AND TRIBAL HEALTH, ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION, AHCCCS, REIMBURSEMENT, DENTAL SERVICES |                  |                    |               |             |            |             |                |            |              |                 |               |  |
| <b>Short Title</b>          | AHCCCS, dental services; native Americans                                                                                                             |                  |                    |               |             |            |             |                |            |              |                 |               |  |
| <b>Senate Committees</b>    | <b>Assigned Date</b>                                                                                                                                  | <b>Committee</b> | <b>Report Date</b> | <b>Action</b> | <b>Vote</b> |            |             |                |            |              |                 |               |  |
|                             | 2/4/2019                                                                                                                                              | HHS              | 2/20/2019          | DP            | 7-0-0-0-0-1 |            |             |                |            |              |                 |               |  |
|                             | 2/4/2019                                                                                                                                              | RULES            | 2/25/2019          | PFC           | 0-0-0-0-0-0 |            |             |                |            |              |                 |               |  |
| <b>Senate First Read</b>    | 2/4/2019                                                                                                                                              |                  |                    |               |             |            |             |                |            |              |                 |               |  |
| <b>Senate Second Read</b>   | 2/5/2019                                                                                                                                              |                  |                    |               |             |            |             |                |            |              |                 |               |  |
| <b>Consent Calendar</b>     | 2/25/2019                                                                                                                                             | Object           | No                 |               |             |            |             |                |            |              |                 |               |  |
| <b>Minority Caucus</b>      | 2/26/2019                                                                                                                                             | Yes              |                    |               |             |            |             |                |            |              |                 |               |  |
| <b>Majority Caucus</b>      | 2/26/2019                                                                                                                                             | Yes              |                    |               |             |            |             |                |            |              |                 |               |  |
| <b>Senate Third Reading</b> | <b>Date</b>                                                                                                                                           | <b>Ayes</b>      | <b>Nays</b>        | <b>NV</b>     | <b>Exc</b>  | <b>Vac</b> | <b>Emer</b> | <b>Amended</b> | <b>RFE</b> | <b>RFEIR</b> | <b>2/3 Vote</b> | <b>Action</b> |  |
|                             | 2/28/2019                                                                                                                                             | 25               | 5                  | 0             | 0           | 0          |             |                |            |              |                 | PASSED        |  |
| <b>Transmit to House</b>    | 2/28/2019                                                                                                                                             |                  |                    |               |             |            |             |                |            |              |                 |               |  |
| <b>House Committees</b>     | <b>Assigned Date</b>                                                                                                                                  | <b>Committee</b> | <b>Report Date</b> | <b>Action</b> | <b>Vote</b> |            |             |                |            |              |                 |               |  |
|                             | 3/5/2019                                                                                                                                              | HHS              |                    | None          | 0-0-0-0-0-0 |            |             |                |            |              |                 |               |  |
|                             | 3/5/2019                                                                                                                                              | RULES            |                    | None          | 0-0-0-0-0-0 |            |             |                |            |              |                 |               |  |
| <b>House First Read</b>     | 3/5/2019                                                                                                                                              |                  |                    |               |             |            |             |                |            |              |                 |               |  |
| <b>House Second Read</b>    | 3/6/2019                                                                                                                                              |                  |                    |               |             |            |             |                |            |              |                 |               |  |

**Exhibit "C"**

**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
*Fifty-Fourth Legislature, First Regular Session*

FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1355

AHCCCS; dental services; native Americans

Purpose

Requires the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) to seek federal authorization to reimburse the Indian health services (IHS) and tribal facilities to cover the cost of adult dental services.

Background

AHCCCS, Arizona's Medicaid Program, contracts with health professionals to provide medically-necessary health and medical services to eligible members. Currently, AHCCCS contractors are required to provide: 1) inpatient hospital services; 2) outpatient health services; 3) laboratory and X-ray services; 4) prescription medications; 5) medical supplies, durable medical equipment, insulin pumps and prosthetic devices; 6) treatment of medical conditions of the eye; 7) early and periodic health screening and diagnostic services; 8) family planning services; 9) podiatry services; 10) nonexperimental transplants; 11) up to \$1,000 annually for emergency dental care and extractions per adult member; 12) ambulance and nonambulance transportation; 13) hospice care; and 14) orthotics (A.R.S. § 36-2907).

AHCCCS offers long-term care services for persons who are elderly or disabled through the Arizona Long-term Care System (ALTCS). The ALTCS program provides acute care services, behavioral health services, institutional services, home and community-based services and case management services. ALTCS program contractors are required to provide dental services in an annual amount up to \$1,000 per ALTCS-eligible member (A.R.S. § 36-2939).

The Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAPs) are published annually by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (U.S. Secretary of HHS) and used to determine the amount of federal matching funds for state expenditures for assistance payments for certain social services and state medical insurance expenditures. The U.S. Secretary of HHS additionally prescribes an FMAP specifically for IHS and tribal facilities. The U.S. Social Security Act specifies that services provided to Medicaid-eligible patients at IHS and tribal facilities can be reimbursed at 100 percent of the FMAP (42 U.S.C. § 1905).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Requires AHCCCS to seek federal authorization to reimburse the IHS and tribal facilities to cover the cost of adult dental services that are:
  - a) eligible for 100 percent FMAP;

FACT SHEET

S.B. 1355

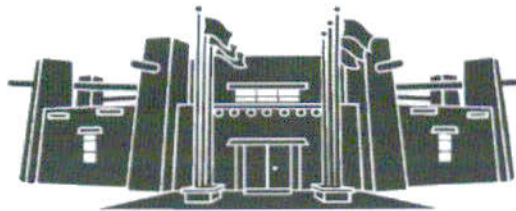
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- b) in excess of the limits on covered services; and
  - c) received through the IHS and tribal facilities.
2. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Prepared by Senate Research

February 18, 2019

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Daniel Tso  
24th Navajo Nation Council Delegate

FROM:

  
Candace French, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: May 2, 2019

RE: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING ARIZONA SENATE BILL 1355 TITLED "AN ACT REQUIRING THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE INDIAN AND TRIBAL HEALTH PROVIDERS"

Per your request, attached is the above-reference proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law, the resolution drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with all legislation, the proposed resolution is subject to review by the courts in the event of a challenge.

The Office of Legislative Counsel recommends the appropriate standing committee(s) reviews based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§ 301, 401, 501, 601, and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(5).

Please review the proposed resolution to ensure it is drafted to your satisfaction. If you approve, please sign as "Primary Sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where the proposed resolution will be given a tracking number and referred to the Office of the Speaker. If the proposed legislation is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like to make to the proposed resolution.

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SPONSOR: Honorable Daniel Tso

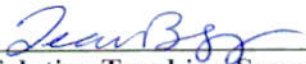
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Posted: May 09, 2019 at 7:40 PM

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: May 14, 2019

Digital Comments received:

|                       |                                                                |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Comments Supporting   | <i>Lisa Butler, Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation</i> |
| Comments Opposing     | <i>None</i>                                                    |
| Inconclusive Comments | <i>None</i>                                                    |

  
Legislative Tracking Secretary  
Office of Legislative Services

5-15-19 8:36am  
Date/Time

# TCRHCC Resolution RE: Legislation 0114-19

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Tue 5/14/2019 4:29 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

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1 attachment

5. 04-17-19 TCRHCC Resolution SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF AN UNCAPPED DENTAL BENEFIT FOR PREGNANT WOMEN ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID -Signed.pdf;

RE: Navajo Nation Legislation 0114-19 An Action Relating To Health Education And Human Services Committee And NAABIK'IYATI' Committee; Supporting Arizona Senate Bill 1355 Titled "An Act Requiring The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration To Seek Federal Authorization To Reimburse Indian And Tribal Health Providers

Good afternoon Sir,

Attached is a resolution of the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation Board of Directors:

SUPPORTS THE CREATION OF AN UNCAPPED DENTAL BENEFIT FOR PREGNANT WOMEN ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

The Tuba City Health Care Corporation Board of Directors:

1. Supports adding an uncapped dental benefit for pregnant woman eligible for AHCCCS to ensure better outcomes for pregnant women and their child; *and*
2. Supports an uncapped dental benefit for pregnant women eligible for AHCCCS to be established.

*Thank you for your advocacy.*

*Sincerely,*

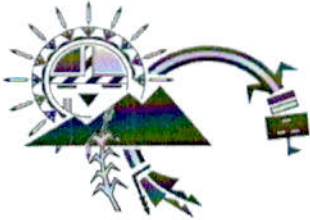
*Lynette Bonar, RN, MBA, BSN, FACHE  
TCRHCC Chief Executive Officer*

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5/15/2019

TCRHCC Resolution RE: Legislation 0114-19 - comments

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TCRHCC 05-04-19

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
TUBA CITY REGIONAL HEALTH CARE CORPORATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SUPPORTS THE CREATION OF AN UNCAPPED DENTAL BENEFIT  
FOR PREGNANT WOMEN ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJY-33-10 (July 21, 2010) and Naabik'iyáti Committee Resolution NABID 96-18 (Dec. 27, 2018), TCRHCC is authorized and designated as a "Tribal Organization" for the purpose of managing and operating contracts with the Indian Health Service ("IHS") under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Public Law 93-638, as amended ("ISDEAA"); *and*
2. Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation (TCRHCC), a non-profit, 501(c)3, tribal organization as defined in the Indian Self-Determination Act, Public Law 93-638, maintains operation of the former Navajo Area Indian Health Service (NAIHS) Tuba City Indian Medical Center; *and*
3. The TCRHCC service area within the Western Navajo Agency and Coconino County communities including: Cameron, Bodaway/Gap, Coalmine Canyon, K'ai'bii'To, LeChee, Coppermine, Tonalea, and To'Naneez'Dizi Chapters, and including the Hopi Village of Moenkopi and the San Juan Southern Paiutes of Tuba City, *and*
4. The TCRHCC Regional Health System with a primary patient service population of nearly 32,000 also serves as a Medical Referral Center for over 100,000 patients across the Navajo Nation, including Hopi and San Juan Southern Paiutes. TCRHCC is also the largest referral center serving the Navajo Nation; *and*
5. The TCRHCC has a need to identify, strengthen and develop future health and supportive services and strategies which will benefit elders, family and child services, and other specialty areas including health facilities; *and*
6. The TCRHCC advocates for wellness and access to high quality healthcare for all American Indians in Arizona" with regard to the development of Title XIX (Medicaid) and Title XXI (Children's Health Insurance Program) demonstration programs, services, and policies; *and*
7. Professional dental care and a good at-home oral health routine are an essential part of a healthy pregnancy; *and*

8. Dental screenings are an important method for expectant mothers with, or at high risk of developing oral diseases; *and*
9. Pregnancy often changes in the mouth including gingivitis and can also lead to worsening of periodontitis which can lead to the destruction of the bone supporting the teeth; *and*
10. A link between gum infection and poor birth outcomes like pre-term deliveries, lower birth weight, and high blood pressure can lead to complicated deliveries; *and*
11. Dental care usage during pregnancy continues to remain low due to lack of insurance, gaps in knowledge about recommended oral health practices and unfounded concerns over safety of dental procedures during pregnancy; *and*
12. Between 2007 and 2009, 56% of pregnant women did not visit a dentist during pregnancy while only 35% of the overall U.S. women population did not have a visit in the prior year; *and*
13. Currently, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), the state's Medicaid program, does not provide dental coverage to adults with the exception of 1) capped limited dental service under the Arizona Long Term Care System for seniors and individuals living with disabilities and 2) a capped limited emergency dental benefit for adults.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:**

The Tuba City Health Care Corporation Board of Directors:

1. Supports adding an uncapped dental benefit for pregnant woman eligible for AHCCCS to ensure better outcomes for pregnant women and their child; *and*
2. Supports an uncapped dental benefit for pregnant women eligible for AHCCCS to be established.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, hereby, verify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting of the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation's Board of Director's meeting at Tuba City, Arizona at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, this 17th day of April 2019.

Motion by: Kimberlee Williams  
Second by: Carmelita Homer



Christopher Curley, President,  
TCRHCC Board of Directors