



June 21, 2018

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Tribal Leaders (AZ)  
Tribal Health Directors  
Urban Indian Health Program Directors

**From:** Maria Dadgar, MBA, Executive Director

**Subject:** **SAVE THE DATE**  
**TRIBAL DENTAL THERAPY FORUM:**  
**Implementing the New Arizona Dental Therapy Law**

The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, in collaboration with the Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care Arizona and the American Indian Oral Health Initiative, would like to invite you to attend a meeting to discuss the new law in Arizona which establishes dental therapy. It will be held on the following days:

**Wednesday, August 1, 2018 (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)**  
**Thursday, August 2, 2018 (8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)**

**We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center | Wassaja Foyer 114**  
**Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation**  
**10483 North Fort McDowell Road**  
**Fountain Hills, Arizona 85264**  
**(480) 789-5300**

**Background**

On May 16, 2018, Governor Ducey signed House Bill (HB) 2235 into law that establishes dental therapy in Arizona and the training and licensure requirements for dental therapists. Specific provisions in the law allow the implementation of dental therapy in the Indian Health Service, Tribal and Urban Indian Health Programs (I/T/U) after the law's effective date on August 3, 2018. The Indian Health Care Improvement Act reauthorized in 2010, included provisions to extend the option of Dental Health Aide Therapy to the lower 48 states if adopted under state law. The state's dental scope of practice has now been amended and provides that dental therapists that are trained to provide approximately 80 of the 400 procedures that a general dentist provides may be incorporated into the dental clinical team at I/T/U's and off-reservation community health centers. At this event, speakers will review the new law and provide insight as to how implementation may occur in the Indian health care system.

**Logistics:**

Please register for the forum at <https://aztribaldentaltherapyforum.eventbrite.com>. A room block has been established at \$91.00 per night, plus 12.75% room tax. Please call the We-Ko-Pa Resort Hotel directly at (480) 789-5320 or toll free at 1 (844) 493-5672 or on-line at [www.wekoparesort.com](http://www.wekoparesort.com) to make your room

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Cocopah Indian Tribe  
Colorado River Indian Tribes  
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation  
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe  
Gila River Indian Community  
Havasupai Tribe  
Hopi Tribe  
Hualapai Tribe  
Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians  
Pascua Yaqui Tribe  
Pueblo of Zuni  
Quechan Tribe  
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community  
San Carlos Apache Tribe  
San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe  
Tohono O'odham Nation  
Tonto Apache Tribe  
White Mountain Apache Tribe  
Yavapai-Apache Nation  
Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe

reservation. Please identify you're a participant of the *ITCA/AACIHC Dental Therapy Forum 2018*. The deadline to get the group rate is Tuesday, July 10, 2018.

The hotel operates a local shuttle, but does not operate a shuttle to and from the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. The following transportation options are recommended:

- **SuperShuttle:**  
Phone: 1 (800) 258-3826 or <https://www.supershuttle.com/>
- **Transtyle:**  
Phone: 1 (800) 410-5479 or <https://www.transtyle.com/>

For more information, please visit: <https://acoihc.az.gov/> or <http://itcaonline.com/>. You may also contact Ms. Lydia Enriquez at the AACIHC at (602) 542-5771, email [lydia.enriquez@azahcccs.gov](mailto:lydia.enriquez@azahcccs.gov) or Ms. Alida Montiel at ITCA at (602) 258-4822, email [alida.montiel@itcaonline.com](mailto:alida.montiel@itcaonline.com).

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

**Attachment:** Draft Agenda

**TRIBAL DENTAL THERAPY FORUM**  
**“Implementing the New Arizona Dental Therapy Law”**

**August 1-2, 2018**

**We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center | Wassaja Foyer 114**  
**10438 North Fort McDowell Road**  
**Scottsdale/Fountain Hills, AZ 85264**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Day 1 – Wednesday, August 1, 2018**

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- Continental Breakfast (*provided*)
- 8:30 a.m. Blessing/Remarks & Welcome
- 9:10 a.m. Background and Overview of Forum
- 9:30 a.m. Understanding Arizona’s Dental Therapy Law
- 10:45 a.m. BREAK
- 11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion: Vision for Incorporating Dental Therapy in the Indian Health System
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (*provided*)
- Keynote & Special Presentation
- 1:30 p.m. Utilizing Dental Therapy in the Clinical Practice Setting
- 2:30 p.m. BREAK
- 2:45 p.m. Steps to Achieve Medicaid Reimbursement
- 3:15 p.m. National Indian Health Board 2018 Tribal Oral Health Assessment Results
- 3:45 p.m. Recap of Day 1
- 4:00 p.m. Adjournment

**Day 2 – Thursday, August 2, 2018**

- 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast (*provided*)
- 9:00 a.m. Day 1 Overview
- 9:10 a.m. Development of Training Opportunities
- 10:30 a.m. BREAK
- 10:45 a.m. Role of the Arizona Board of Dental Examiners
- 11:30 a.m. Next Steps & Closing Remarks
- 12:00 p.m. Networking and Lunch (*provided*)
- 12:30 p.m. Meeting Adjourn