April 13, 2009

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2158

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on page 709 of the Senate Journal and pages 820 and 821 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2158 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, replace "a" with "two" and replace "section" with "sections"

Page 1, line 3, after "practitioners" insert "and physician assistants; to provide for legislative intent; and to provide an effective date"

Page 1, after line 12, insert:

"**SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Medical assistance - Services provided by physician assistant. The medical assistance program must recognize physician assistants as primary care providers with the same rights and responsibilities given primary care physicians under the medical assistance program. Any care provided by the physician assistant as a primary care provider under the medical assistance program must be within the scope of the physician assistant's license.

SECTION 3. DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AMENDED PLAN. Within thirty days of the effective date of section 1 of this Act, the department of human services shall submit for approval an amended state plan to implement section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 2 of this Act becomes effective on the date the department of human services certifies to the legislative council that the department of human services has implemented the medicaid management information system."

Renumber accordingly