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SENATOR JOHNNY ELLIS
SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Bert Stedman
Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee

From: Senator Johnny Ellis 

Date: January 25, 2010

Subject: Scheduling Request for SB 199 – Medicaid Coverage for Dentures

I am requesting that you schedule Senate Bill 199, “An Act relating to a two-year funding cycle for medical assistance coverage for dentures” for a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee at your earliest convenience.

SB199 would allow patients who are approved for denture services under the Medicaid Adult Dental program to access two years of funding in a single fiscal year. This would allow patients to receive a full set of dentures in one sitting, thereby improving their dental health and making the program simpler and less costly for participating dentists without substantially increasing Medicaid costs for the state.

The bill was co-sponsored during the pre-filing process by nine Senators, including three other members of your committee: Senators Egan, Thomas, and Olson. Other co-sponsors include Senators Davis, French, Kookesh, Menard, Paskvan, and Wielechowski.

Included in this packet are:

- The most recent version of the bill, 26-LS1061\R
- A sponsor statement
- Letters of support
- Backup information

Further backup, if necessary, will be forthcoming.

Thank you for your consideration, and my staff and I are available for any questions.