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Amendments to House Bill No. 2
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Requested by Representative Edith Clark

For the House Committee on Appropriations

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1. Page B-6, line 25.
Strike: "49,331,283" [general fund FY09]
Insert: "49,838,586" [general fund FY09]

2. Page B-7, line 18.
Strike: "680,002" [general fund FY09]
Insert: "1,187,305" [general fund FY09]

3. Page B-16, line 6.
Following: the first "Increase"
Strike: "and Provider Rate Increase"

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This amendment transfers $507,303 general fund in FY09 from the state match for Medicaid nursing home services to fund provider rate increases in Senior and Long Term Care Division and removes the delayed implementation of the rate increase. Two nursing homes are administered by Tribes, with the estimated general fund match for the nursing home services estimated at $507,303 in FY09.

The funding switch is possible due to the way that Indian Health Services (IHS) provided Medicaid services are reimbursed (100% federal) compared to the way that state plan Medicaid services are reimbursed (31.49 percent from state funds in FY09). This amendment anticipates that DPHHS will take the steps necessary to procure 100% federal funding for all IHS administered services. The legislature funded a new FTE in the 2007 biennium, which is continued in the 2009 biennium, to specifically work with Tribes to expand IHS funded Medicaid services.