**PROPOSED RESOLUTION: 7**

**Proposed By:** IDHA Delegation

**RESOLUTION:** That IDHA adopt the following definition of oral prophylaxis:

The supra- and subgingival removal of biofilm, calculus, and extrinsic stains from tooth and prosthetic structures, to preserve health and prevent disease.

**Justification:** The current IDHA glossary does not contain a definition for prophylaxis. It is important for IDHA to have a definition in the IDHA Policy Manual. This will inform our future work with policy, coding and advocacy efforts. Relevant documents including the ADHA position paper from 1998; literature published on the topic of oral prophylaxis; definitions from medical dictionaries, textbooks, CDT codebook, other oral health stakeholders; and state statutes were reviewed.