

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "CHRONIC DISEASE AID PROGRAM FOR THE
 2 STATE OF MONTANA"

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 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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 6 **Section 1. Definitions**

7 The term "Chronic Disease" refers to an illness or medical condition that is characterized by long
 8 duration or frequent recurrence. To be considered "chronic" some, but not all of these diseases
 9 must be problematic for 6 months or more.

10 The Chronic Disease Aid Program will have the final say as to whether or not a disease is
 11 considered "chronic."

12 **Section 2. Newly enacted government Chronic Disease Aid Program (CDAP)**

13 The government of the state of Montana will establish a tax funded program entitled Chronic
 14 Disease Aid Program (CDAP).

15 **Section 3. Program Eligibility**

16 The Chronic Disease Aid Program will be available to every citizen of Montana. This excludes
 17 all people belonging to the Medicare or Medicaid systems, as they will continue to be covered by
 18 the system they are affiliated with.

19 **Section 4: Operation of Chronic Disease Aid Program**

20 Each patient will be responsible for paying 10% of the remaining cost for each chronic
 21 disease medical encounter fee, after insurance payments are deducted. All remaining costs
 22 on that bill will be paid for by the government run Chronic Disease Aid Program. At the time,
 23 any one person's chronic disease medical expenses exceeding the amount of \$50,000 out of their
 24 own pocket, CDAP will pay the remaining money owed until January 1, of the
 25 next year, where the process will then begin again.

26 **Section 5. Program Accounting**

27 Monthly audits of a sample of participants' accounts will be conducted by an outside
 28 licensed accounting firm hired by the CDAP. This will be implemented to help protect
 29 against fraud by either hospitals or medical personnel. The CDAP program payments will
 30 only be made to medical facilities to help prevent customer or employee abuse.

31 **Section 6. Effective date**

32 This bill will become effective upon passage.

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