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 JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 74
 INTRODUCED BY Cox, Gibson, Stohi, Barrett, Uderdal

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 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE
 6 CONGRESS AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE TO
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 23 with the family providing the balance of the cost.

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 3 and Welfare are requested to adjust the Medicaid guidelines
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 6 allowed.
 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution
 8 be sent to the members of the Montana Congressional
 9 Delegation and to the Secretary of the Department of Health,
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INTRODUCED BILL

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Approved by Committee
on Public Health, Welfare
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