

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
JOINT
FINANCE AND CLAIMS AND APPROPRIATIONS
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 18, 1979

The forty-third meeting of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee was held jointly with the House Appropriations Committee on the above date in room 108 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All members present except Senators Story and Nelson.

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Representative Bardanouve for the purpose of hearing Keith Colbo, Director of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services explain the recent problems that had arisen with the nursing homes.

Mr. Colbo: First he would like to apologize for being here. It was his sincere hope that SRS would be able to resolve this without coming to the legislature. The controversy has been going on for three years and needs to be resolved. He said the current issue is that the nursing home rule went into effect October 1. It was under considerable protest during the past 2 months. The appropriations were made by the subcommittee on the level of funding recommended by the SRS, they were based on unaudited reports. That rule is now in effect and that is exactly what the nursing homes today are reacting against. The reaction has taken the form of 17 facilities that are now certified who have threatened cancellation. If followed through on those medicaid eligible patients will no longer be paid for by being in a noncertified nursing home. There are 1,000 beds that are medicaid beds. It is a significant problem to SRS and to you. It was significant enough to the agency that in an attempt to resolve it we pulled everything we could pull into it in an attempt to increase those rates. He said originally the proposal was on an 80 percentile. We tried to settle the matter as best we could. We offered to settle on a 90 percentile, and also offered that no nursing home would take a decrease. Those exceeding the current rates or would exceed it in the months to come would have to eat those increase costs until such time as it caught up to them. We also projected that the rule would not catch the current rates in this biennium, and that there was no sense talking to the nursing agencies for the next 2 years. We would remain within the dollars and this was a priority. He said he felt personally they had to take the chance that it might effect some individuals and cause them to be moved, but he felt the nursing homes will have to accept the offer. He said they have no flexibility left, yet at the same time the agency has an obligation to the people. The rule probably will be tested in court. It is similar to the changes in other states. He said you have seen the reaction by the hospitals to contain medicare costs on the part of the legislature.

Mr. Colbo continued by saying he has committed this agency to no supplemental. The credibility as a result of the supplemental last session has almost destroyed the agency. One of the impacts on the rule of the providers comes back to the same supplemental of + \$6 million. The rule is based on 1977 audited reports.

It is to take cost of living increases and used the 80 and 90 percentiles, but the cost of living increases have almost stripped this. He passed out a chart giving figures as to the cost increases etc. It showed how the new rule will impact the cost in the FY 82. The next sheet is medicaid and medicare costs. The type of increases experienced. In the nursing home area there is medicaid program--a \$10 million increase, 18% over the current biennium. He said in arriving at the 18% they used the 1977 budget plus the supplemental and this is an 18% increase beyond that. In order to reestablish the May 1977 reimbursement rule SRS would need an increase in the general fund of \$2.374 million. We need that for the '81 biennium. That would provide an increase of 30%, or \$16.5 million. The total increase in funding from the current budget would be \$6.5 million. This is a 36-64 state-federal spread, and illustrates the basic straight line cost you see on the sheet. He said the federal government must approve any medicaid program submitted by a state agency and they will not accept a cost plus basis. They will not consider investment, and we may or may not be able to get the May '74 rule to the federal government. We have used all of our money, we do not have anything left to negotiate with. He said they did not want to cut other programs or eliminate them in order to throw everything into the nursing homes. If they are left with a cost plus bid and no additional funds, that is what will have to be done. We will have no alternative but to eliminate programs to pay for this. As the director of SRS he said he would wish very much to have this done now to provide quality care and pay the bills.

Milton Datsopoulos, the attorney for the Montana Nursing Home Association said he represented a large number of nursing homes. He said they have had to withdraw from the medicaid program. They simply cannot afford to operate and those who have withdrawn have done so after careful and painful analysis. The proposed reimbursement level will put them out of business; if they stay in within 2 to 6 months they will be bankrupt. Those staying in have analyzed their costs, and the costs will force each facility to lose from \$2,000 to \$2500 a month out of pocket money. We cannot fool ourselves by agreeing to support a system that will bankrupt us even if we stay in. The costs we are talking about are the costs that have been audited by the SRS and are approved as costs necessary to the welfare of the patient. The industry will do anything within reason excluding putting into danger the welfare of the patient. We have proposed the current reimbursement system previous to April & May of 1974 be continued, and the nursing homes will agree to submit themselves to audit by the SRS and invite the Board of Health to come and analyze it. All costs are mandated by something. In the other area ---the staffing were shut costs. These are the only two that are not mandated. We can control if allowed by state or federal regulations the food costs to the extent of reducing the quality and quantity care if they advise us that there is over staffing or luxurious food--perhaps. We feel that it is our obligation to give competent levels of care. The other thing you have to keep in mind is that the costs are public record. They have been reviewed by auditors. These are costs that have been spent and are necessary to the level of care given today. Those facilities that stay in business cannot meet their costs. It is just a matter

of time before they close. In the states that have done this they are having problems with fires, the quality of care has deteriorated and they have problems we do not have. You would have to have someone to be responsible for maintaining the facilities, but who? You cannot expect private business to lose money and stay in business. No one had anticipated the number of people that would require this type of care. If medicaid does not take care of these people does the care fall back on the counties? He said they were not here to blackmail or coerce any one. The nursing homes have simply said we can no longer stay in the business; they cannot be forced into accepting a program that will put them into bankruptcy. He said many of the homes simply said they had entered into the business of caring for these people, they had an investment plus a savings and the inflationary costs plus the state and federal regulations are causing them to lose money every month. He said it would be a 5% tax increase in Missoula, if medicaid program fails, that once they have met the maximum mill levy the only other course is to request an emergency fund through SRS to support the program. When this occurs it is 100% stateliability. We cannot cut the costs sufficiently to do the job with what the state now proposes. These people have decided they cannot participate in the program. Accusations have been made about nursing homes trying to blackmail the state and also about the SRS refusing to give an acceptable program. That is not correct. We each have our problems. One thing we want to make clear is that Keith Colbo has done everything he can to solve these problems. It cannot be done without more dollars unless the legislature determines less people will be paid or to lower the standards of care. This would involve changing the state laws, and some of the federal laws. He said one other misconception is that this is the Missoula and Butte industries involved in this. There are 17 to 20 facilities that have decided they will have to withdraw from Red Lodge to Hot Springs, Billings, Livingston, Bozeman and Great Falls. It is virtually state wide, as the problems are.

Don Peoples, Butte, Silver Bow Hospital said that the services provided by the nursing homes have been developed by response to public insistence that the elderly people will be given responsible care. He said they are aware of the serious problems that Mr. Colbo has; they are also unequivocally opposed to the state saying these people being cut become the responsibility of the county. This does not make good sense. If Park Royal and the Crest Nursing Home withdraw permanently it will have an impact on the hospital and other nursing homes. Butte, Silver Bow has already submitted a grant for supplemental funding for the poor fund. It is an \$888,000 supplemental. The Silver Bow Hospital has already been notified that the two nursing homes will no longer admit patients, and if they are put into the hospital they will no longer be readmitted to the nursing homes. The Silver Bow nursing home has no available beds and we have a long waiting list. In addition the hospital beds would be filled with long term geriatric beds. The 100% reimbursement is something you have to consider very seriously. Medicare is on a matching basis.

Senator Jack Healy, Butte, said he had had many calls when at home, and has attended meetings such as this one. The phone calls were from concerned people who said they thought the state was going to put these people out on the street. They are getting good care now, and thousands of families are depending on them. He said he had worked with Mr. Colbo and there is nothing more that he could do. He said he felt to be responsible, the legislature should not adjourn until the problem was solved.

Representative Dan Harrington, Butte said he felt it was the responsibility of this committee and of the legislature to fund it adequately. He thought we should either return to the 1974 rule or we were going to have a problem. He said we had to run this like a business, but a business does not have the responsibility back to the people. We owe this care and respect to our elderly citizens, we are going to have to come up with the funding to take care of them properly, they have earned that much respect.

Ron Semington, Missoula, President of the Montana Nursing Home Association said he thought we should look at another aspect of this problem and that was the recipient on the end of the dollar, and the quality of care that we are extending to these people. We have to be very careful that we don't start looking on the recipients of medicare as lesser people. Where are they going to go? When you consider moving 2 or 3,000 people over the age of 80 you can envision the traumatic effects of just the move could be disastrous. SRS has done a tremendous job in trying to keep up with this, but the problem still is with us.

Del Thurber, professional engineer said he wished to speak as a private citizen of Montana. In Great Falls his mother has been in the Park Side Rest Home and the level of care there has to be maintained. He said 149 people came from Great Falls this morning to let the Legislature know that they are concerned. Many of these people have told me when they have talked to Mr. Colbo that he is very gracious.

Representative Quilici, Butte said he would like to mention a couple of things he thought the committee might have overlooked. 1. money, and 2. responsibility. What are we going to do, where are we going to put these people if they do decide to decertify? What if you have to move them so far that the relatives cannot come to see them. I know the committee is having a rough time and Keith is having a rough time. Let us find out first what happens and then look at the books. Let's look at the people first.

Brad Shefflow, CPA, Missoula, representing the nursing homes, said they need a 30% increase. In the nursing home industry approximately 65% of the costs are pay roll. Probably of that payroll

somewhere between 75 and 80% are minimum wage employees. Looking at the past period, the minimum wage was \$2.30; as of January 1 the minimum wage is \$2.90. That is over a 25% increase; add to this the state unemployment taxes, the FICA raise, and the increase in cost of living and you have over 30% increase.

Don Judge, Executive director AFSCME said the employees really feel the burden of the lowering of the reimbursement rate by SRS. He stated that many of the employees had worked for as many as 12 years and were still very close to the minimum wage. Anytime you cut down the amount of money coming in it makes it tougher for the unions to represent the employees. Everyone here will get old, some before the others, but we all get there and the mandates put on by the state and federal governments are adding to the costs. He would support an upgrading of the nursing homes, and he felt sure that he as well as those in the room did not particularly want to get stuck in a nursing home when they got old that they had let the care deteriorate on.

Millicent Shifti, Butte said she would like to speak for the families who had people in the nursing homes. Her father is 95 years old and in the nursing home. He gets good care.

Kent Ferguson operates a nursing home. He said they receive \$22 a day and they want to cut it to \$19 a day. When they are talking about a 30% increase I can't recognize it in this. We are taking people at \$22 a day that would be in the hospital at \$100 a day.

Joe Kanduch, Representative from Butte said he would concur in the testimony that had been given. He said he is a member of the board of directors for the Anaconda Hospital. He said their nursing home stands in the red now and they have a lot of obligations that are not paid. Their expenses in the nursing home have come up 30% but the figures do not add up.

Mr. Bompert, Helena said the humane part is missing. The board of Health makes the rules and mandates them. They say to SRS you have to pay this. SRS has to try to guess at what the costs will be. Why can't the state board of Health and the SRS have a liaison to work this out? It seems to me they are operating under the golden rule. The guy that has the gold makes the rule. The rule making people would realize they had their head in the sand if they could see the whole picture.

Keith Stokes, certified public accountant said he was representing Western Care in Helena. He said we have a medicare audit, we have a medicaid audit, and we have an SRS audit. He said they worked with a Mr. Humphrey to try to work out the responsibility of funding. Unfortunately SRS withdrew 2 years ago. We have continuing rise in costs and cannot see the proposed increase.

Keith Colbo was asked to comment on the complaints and remarks which had been made by the nursing homes. He said the quality of care and the level of care that the nursing homes are providing are a concern of theirs, and it is also a concern of SRS, and that is precisely why the new rule. This rule would confirm the

validity or nonvalidity of that request. He felt the question facing the nursing homes, SRS and the committee was whether or not we would have cost containment; will we or will we not fund at a particular level. We have heard a lot about decreases. SRS has said in the discussion --I have said we will hold the rates, and will not have any decreases. It is a function of dollars at this point. It is a controversy I would like to have resolved. We have to work with them, and I don't want to work for the next 2 years under this. The agency itself will operate any program and will operate any program you have given us at the level it was funded. At the 90percentile 54 will receive increases, the balance--40--will receive the current rates until the rule implemented April 1 catches up with them.(hold harmless)

Representative Bardanoue: I have seen the letters you have written to Mr. Colbo. In effect you say that you or we, in one way or another will through the old ladies out in the snow bank. I am concerned about the concern you have given to the older people in Montana. You are saying to us that they are going to close. About 70% of the patients in the nursing homes are medicaid. You are saying you will close down -- what are you going to do with the homes?

Mr. Datsopoulos: The whole future is at stake. Many of the homes are standing behind with 100% of the dollars in mortgages. These homes have elected not to absorb any more reductions. They will retain their private patients. Some are in the process of converting to boarding homes, some will go to occupational therapy, etc. and some will be converted into apartment homes. They have to get into something that will allow the facility to pay its cost.

Representative Bardanoue: In a nursing home can they operate without medicaid patients? Ans. There are some that can do this at least that is what they are telling me.

Representative Moore: I have a question. Records show that somewhere between 10% and 30% of the patients could have gotten along with less nursing care. We had a bill in to provide personal home care. You nursing home poeple had it killed. We could have provided this for less money than you are getting for these same people in the nursing home. Why did you have it killed?

Mr. Bompart, Helena said the average cost to the state of Montana is \$142.50 for nursing home care. The personal care was \$350 a month. \$164 would come from federal SSI, the remaining \$186 would be made up by the SRS. This would be \$44 a month more than for a lower level of care because there would be no medicaid care.

Representative Marks said that one of the concerns they had was the time problem. They had to get their report in at about the same time that Mr. Colbo had the package together. He said we took out the level of priority. There is some money in SRS that they can use if they take out the dental health and eye glasses, etc. We are talking about \$6½ million to cover this. I would recommend

that either the SRS director be given some authority to make these decisions or the legislature do it.

John Muir, Valley View Estate, Hamilton nursing home said he had been around nursing homes since his parents had operated one for \$75 a month and therefore he feels he knows first hand what some of the problems are. They are now in a new facility. Their rate was \$5 a day and has now risen to \$22 a day, and are raising (I think the figures that were used to base the raise were 2 years old it to \$23.90 which is still about \$2 short of the ongoing bills. He discussed the employee rates, the FICA and other payroll costs, and said they quite often have to wait 45 to 50 days for the medicaid costs to come in. He said the private patients do not have enough to keep the current bills up so that the medicaid payments can be used for the longer term bills, taxes, etc.

Representative Bardanouve: We have heard the nursing homes want the 74 formula, that the federal government has refused to reimburse on a cost plus basis. and we have received confirmation from Denver that they will not accept the 74 plan. They will not pay that package. They may buy a return on equity, but I don't know that that would be any more acceptable since it will not provide the kind of return the May 77 rule did.

Mrs. Pat McCarta, Whitefish said she has a mother in the Bigfork nursing home. She said she had heard a lot of statistics but she wondered if anyone there would like to perform the duties that were done for these people for the minimum wage that they received.

Senator Regan: How do our nursing home payments compare with our sister states. Are they in the same kind of trouble?

Mr. Colbo: The surrounding homes in the region are experiencing the same or familiar cost increases. Most are attempting to address it in much the same sort of thing as the proposed rule. I would say that our rates compare very favorably with the ones in the surrounding areas.

A man who had just returned from California said that in that state they are on a flat rate of \$30 a day.

Representative Bardanouve: This business is probably one of the select few in Montana. I don't know whether you are a private or state business. We guarantee your cost plus a profit. You are a private business. There isn't a farmer or business in Montana that operates under this type of business.

Mr. Datsopoulos said there is a movement to either amend or repeal the federal law on the medicaid act. The federal bureaucrats do not allow the states to tailor a program to fit their finances. The law states that you cannot formulate a plan because of the lack of funds. In my opinion if this committee determines to appropriate funding at the level Keith says, I think we can go around Denver and get the people to accept our plan. I think they would cooperate and assist the state in doing this.

Representative Bardanouve: The thing that bothers me is that the finance committee was meeting here. We had reports on the medicaid rising costs and the increased number of vacant beds in Montana in nursing homes. That same hour the Board of Health was meeting in the Governor's office approving another nursing home in Missoula. Missoula has been throwing them out of the nursing homes for the past several years. Why should you build more nursing homes and still say you cannot operate them?

Mr. Datsopoulos said you can't justify any new nursing homes in Montana today. The Board of Health reviewed and rejected it at every level. They reviewed it and looked at the ruling and listened to all the experts. In answer to another question from Representative bardanouve on the normal profit on this he answered that it was the Burlington Northern and they said they would go ahead anyway.

Representative Herwitz: Why the great discrepancy in the rates in the nursing homes?

Representative Bardanouve: The capital costs vary very much and there are also some abuses by a few operators.

Represnetative Menahan: Is the Senate going to meet and make a decision on this or what?

Representative Bardanouve: We cannot make a decision today. We cannot make a decision in a Joint Committee. We will have to take it under consideration later today.

A man from Harlem said the building there that was the nursing home was a standard building and the care was good.

Senator Smith: I was told they would have more people in the program working on the SRS budget. They said they did come up with an appropriation for SRS. What would have happened if we had been through with the session a few days ago? Why now?

Representative Bardanouve: SRS has not come in for more. Mr. Colbo has said he will live with it. This is the pressure of the nursing homes. I don't think it is possible to set a budget that will make them happy. Whatever you set they would ask for more.

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Senator Himsl, Chairman

ROLL CALL

SENATE FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

46TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION 1979

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SENATOR HIMSL	✓		
SENATOR STORY			
SENATOR AKLESTAD	✓		
SENATOR LOCKREM	✓		
SENATOR ETCHART	✓		
SENATOR NELSON			
SENATOR SMITH	✓		
SENATOR BOYLAN	✓		
SENATOR REGAN	✓		
SENATOR FASBENDER	✓		
SENATOR THIESSEN	✓		
SENATOR THOMAS	✓		
SENATOR STIMATZ	✓		

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NURSING HOME REIMBURSEMENT
--Comparison of New with Cost Plus

NEW SYSTEM

1. Will pay a formula-generated rate based on Montana nursing home historical cost factors. (Initially with pre-Nov.'77 facility costs as a base line with periodic updates of the base line.)
2. Formula sets a maximum rate above which no facility will be paid. (80th percentile of indexed historical costs).
3. Formula sets a rate of increase in the payment based on external measures of operating cost growth (i.e. CPI, Labor Index) and on capital improvements recognized by Certificate of Need.
4. Formula limits recognition of bed vacancies to a maximum of 15%.
5. Formula adds an amount to the basic rate for lower cost facilities. (Up to a maximum of \$1.50 added to indexed historical costs.)
6. Formula allows profit to the degree that a facility keeps costs below the rate paid.
7. Change in ownership of an existing facility continues the same basic rate for operating costs as previous owner and actual capital costs as a result of the sale or lease.
8. New facilities just starting up will initially receive the average operating cost of existing facilities plus actual capital costs, assuming 85% occupancy. After a full year of operation, the rate for the next period will be recalculated using actual costs experienced during the past year.

COST PLUS SYSTEM

Paid a cost-generated rate based on actual costs experienced by each facility during a fiscal year.

No maximum rate was established.

No set rate of increase--growth was whatever might have been deemed prudent and reasonable.

Payments limited to a maximum bed vacancy of 20%.

All facilities had 7 1/2% added to actual costs found allowable during a fiscal year.

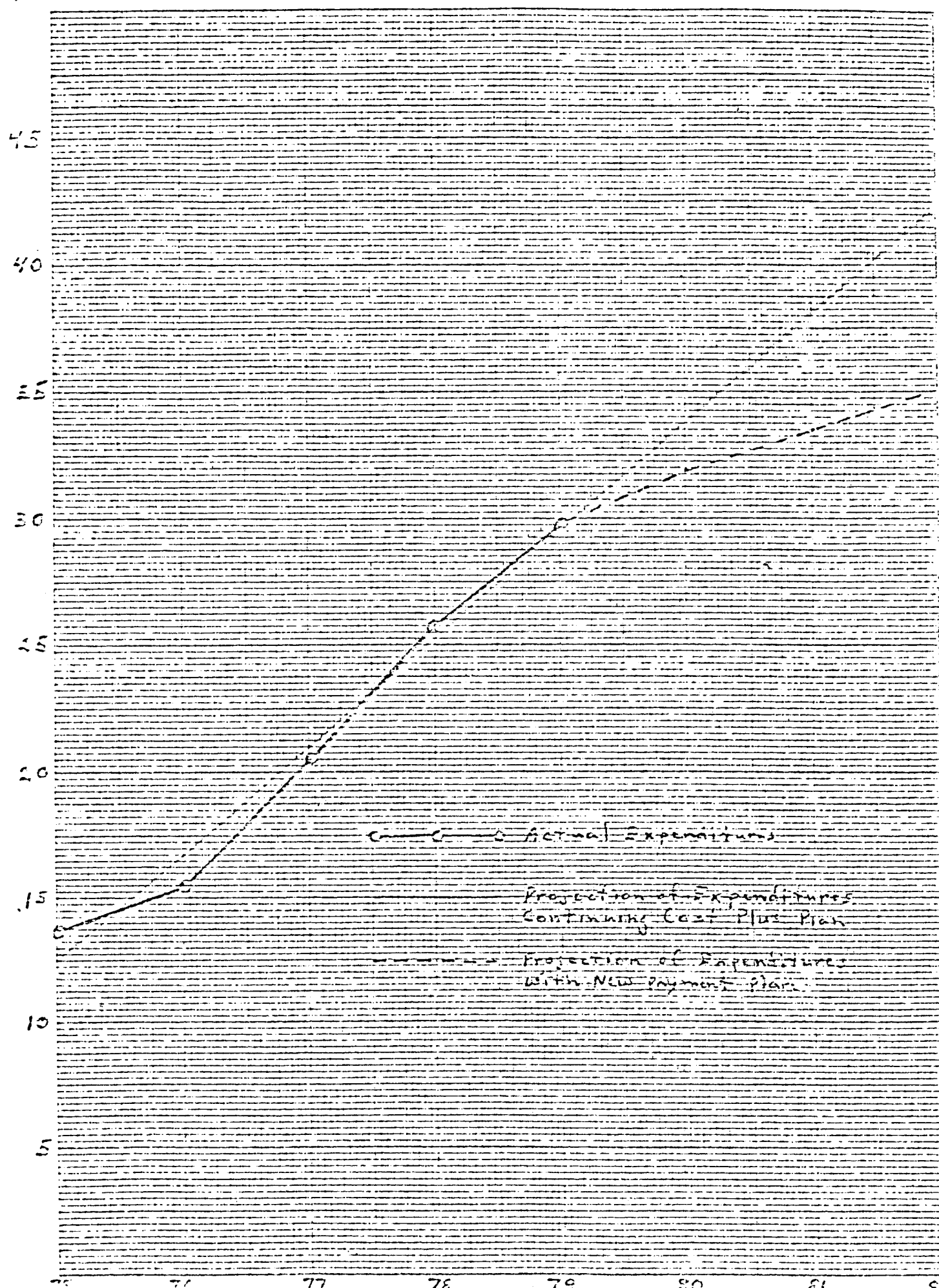
Profit is in the 7 1/2% added in #5.

Change in ownership would increase the rate because of an increase in property costs due to sale at appreciated values (with recovery of past depreciation paid to previous owner).

New facilities temporarily received a rate based on the average rates of existing facilities with a full recoupment of costs already incurred after a year had gone by, assuming 80% occupancy.

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MEDICAID - NURSING HOME Costs



FACT SHEET ON MEDICAID
NURSING HOME COSTS

Total Medicaid
Services Expenditure/
Budget-Biennium

Nursing Home
Expenditure/Budget
-Biennium

Nursing Home
Expenditure/Budget
As % of Biennium
TOTAL

<u>Biennium</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>%+</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>%+</u> <u>Expend</u>	<u>%+</u> <u>Services</u>	<u>%+</u> <u>Unit</u> <u>Cost</u>	
74-75	48.5		22.6				47%
76-77	71.1	47%	36.1	60%	12%	43%	51%
78-79	102.3	44%	55.3	53%	10%	38%	54%
80-81	125.2	22%	65.2	18%	4%	14%	52%

Nursing Home
Unit Cost

%+

Inpatient Hosp.
Unit Cost

%+

Physician
Unit Cost

%+

Dentistry
Unit Cost

%+

Fiscal Year

75	12.43		101.92		12.04		13.77	
76	14.14	14%	124.08	22%	12.40	3%	14.20	3%
77	16.93	20%	131.48	6%	13.92	12%	16.99	20%
78	20.42	21%	152.88	16%	15.42	11%	17.37	2%
79	22.40	10%	173.56	14%	16.57	7%	17.61	1%
80	23.69	6%	194.09	12%	19.66	19%	19.63	11%
81	25.11	6%	214.62	11%	21.09	7%	19.89	1%

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CITY	FACILITY	Current RATE	APR '79 RATES Using 202.16/currate	APR '79 RATES Using 409.16/currate
Anaconda	Community Hospital of Anaconda	28.00	26.88 <1.12>	29.04 +1.04
Baker	Fallon Memorial Nursing Home	21.90	26.26 +5.26	27.13 +6.13
Big Sandy	Sande Convalescent Center	22.82	20.57 <1.75>	20.57 <1.75>
Big Timber	Pioneer Nursing Home	17.85	19.68 +1.83	19.68 +1.83
Bigfork	Bigfork Convalescent Center	23.70	22.46 <1.24>	22.46 <1.24>
Billings	Glendeen Nursing Home	22.99*	20.83 <2.14>	20.83 <2.14>
Billings	St. John's Lutheran Home	23.64	26.88 +3.24	31.64 +8.00
Billings	Valley Nursing Home	22.09*	22.22 +.13	22.22 +.13
Billings	Western Manor Nursing Home	22.68	22.72 +.04	22.72 +.04
Billings	Yellowstone County NH	32.10	26.88 <5.22>	31.31 <1.79>
Boulder	Boulder River School & Hosp.	49.59	26.88 <22.69>	31.64 <17.93>
Bozeman	Bozeman Convalescent Center	25.65	22.87 <2.78>	22.87 <2.78>
Bozeman	Gallatin County Rest Home	18.68	20.44 +1.76	20.44 +1.76
Broadus	Powder River Co. Nursing Home	20.00	25.59 +5.59	26.29 +6.29
Browning	Blackfeet Nursing Home	21.00	21.00 -0-	21.00 -0-
Butte	Butte Park Royal Conv. Center	30.65	26.83 <3.82>	28.28 <2.37>
Butte	Crest Nursing Home, Inc.	26.45*	25.63 <.80>	25.88 <.57>
Butte	Silver Bow General NH	25.68	26.88 +1.20	31.64 +5.96
Chester	Liberty County Nursing Home	25.61	26.57 +.96	27.76 +2.15
Chinook	Sweet Memorial Nursing Home	18.53	20.32 +1.79	20.32 +1.79
Choteau	Teton Medical Center	25.00*	25.59 +.59	26.29 +1.29
Choteau	Teton Nursing Home	24.00	25.70 +1.70	26.11 +2.11
Circle	McCone County Nursing Home	25.00	25.59 +.59	26.29 +1.29
Clancy	Hillbrook Nursing Home	27.97	26.58 <1.39>	27.77 <.20>
Columbus	Stillwater Convalescent Center	24.89	20.96 <4.33>	20.96 <4.33>
Conrad	Pondera Pioneer Nursing Home	21.95	23.73 <1.78>	23.73 <1.78>
Culbertson	Roosevelt Memorial Hospital	26.00*	25.59 <.41>	26.29 +.29

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FACILITY

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CITY	FACILITY	CURRENT RATE	APR '79 RATES USING 80% CHANGING	APR '79 RATES USING 40% CHANGING
Jordan	Garfield County Hospital	17.50	26.88 +9.38	31.64 +14.14
Kalispell	Flathead County Nursing Home	25.12	25.51 + .31	25.64 +1.52
Kalispell	Immanuel Lutheran Home	18.69	21.41 +2.72	21.41 +2.72
Laurel	Laurel Nursing Home	20.50	20.15 < .35	20.15 < .35
Lewistown	Central Montana Nursing Home	33.34 ⁺	26.30 < 7.04	27.32 +1.02
Lewistown	Montana Center for the Aged	12.78	21.41 +2.63	21.41 +2.63
Lewistown	Valle Vista Manor	23.88	22.96 < .92	22.96 < .92
Libby	Libby Convalescent Center	16.77	20.02 +3.25	20.02 +3.25
Livingston	Livingston Convalescent Center	23.31	22.27 < 1.04	22.27 < 1.04
Malta	Malta Nursing Home	20.00	22.03 +2.03	22.03 +2.03
Miles City	Custer County Rest Home	19.50	19.22 < .28	19.22 < .28
Miles City	Friendship Villa	26.10 ⁺	23.93 < 2.26	23.93 < 2.26
Missoula	Community Nursing Home	30.15	26.86 < 3.29	28.33 +1.47
Missoula	Hillside Manor	29.21	24.29 < 4.92	24.29 < 4.92
Missoula	Royal Manor, Inc.	23.53	21.92 < 1.61	21.92 < 1.61
Missoula	Wayside	27.91	24.64 < 3.27	24.64 < 3.27
Plains	Clark Fork Valley Hospital	27.12	26.88 < .24	28.38 +1.50
Plentywood	Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home	23.05	25.24 +2.19	25.24 +2.19
Polson	St. Joseph's Conv. Center	20.23	22.39 +2.16	22.39 +2.16
Poplar	Community Hospital NH	28.38	26.88 < 1.50	31.64 +4.76
Red Lodge	Carbon Co. Health Care Center	27.48	22.52 < 4.96	22.52 < 4.96
Red Lodge	Carbon County Memorial NH	23.00 ⁺	25.62 +2.62	25.86 +2.86
Ronan	Happy Acres Rest Home	20.00 ⁺	21.27 +1.27	21.27 +1.27
Ronan	ST. Luke Community Hospital	NEW	25.59 -0-	24.29 -0-
Ronan	West Side Rest Home	19.70 ⁺	17.84 < 1.86	17.84 < 1.86
Roundup	Roundup Memorial Nursing Home	26.00	26.88 +.88	31.64 +5.76
Scobey	Daniels Memorial Nursing Home	22.00	25.44 +3.44	25.44 +3.44

Difference Between Apr 79 Rate and Current Rate

< > = Amount less than current rate

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Differences Using 80th Pile								
Differences Using 90th Pile								

1 Warm Springs	<30.73>
2 Boulder River	<22.69>
3 Mountain View - Eureka	<10.88>
4 Central Mont. - Lewistown	<7.04>
5 Wibaux Co.	<5.24>
6 Yellowstone Co. - Billings	<5.22>
7 Parkside - Helena	<5.11>
8 Carbon Health Care - Red Lodge	<4.96>
9 Hillside - Missoula	<4.92>
10 Deaconess - Great Falls	<4.76>
11 Mintn View - White Sulphur	<4.60>
12 Parkview - Dillon	<4.45>
13 Stillwater - Columbus	<4.33>
14 Butte Park Royal	<3.82>
15 Mintn View Rest - Hardin	<3.81>
16 Comm. N.H. - Missoula	<3.29>
17 Wayside - Missoula	<3.27>
18 Richland - Sidney	<2.82>
19 Bozeman Conv.	<2.78>
20 North Valley - Whitefish	<2.75>
21 Hot Springs N.H.	<2.50>
22 Leary Conv. - Helena	<2.48>
23 Faith Luth. - Wolf Point	<2.37>
24 Friendship - Miles City	<2.25>
25 Glendeen - Billings	<2.14>
26 Chinaman - Fort Benton	<2.12>
27 Westside - Ronan	<1.86>
28 Pondera - Conrad	<1.78>
29 Sante Conv. - Big Sandy	<1.75>
30 Royal Manor - Missoula	<1.61>
31 Comm. Hosp. N.H. - Foplar	<1.50>
32 Hillbrook - Clancy	<1.39>
33 Cascade Co. - Great Falls	<1.35>
34 Big Fork Conv.	<1.24>
35 Comm. Hosp. N.H. - Anaconda	<1.12>
36 Toole Co. - Shelby	<1.12>
37 Memorial - Cut Bank	<1.12>
38 Livingston Conv.	<1.04>
39 Valley Vista - Lewistown	<.92>
40 Colonial Manor - Whitefish	<.85>

Warm Springs	25.42>	<25.90>
Boulder River		<17.92>
Mountain View - Eureka		<9.38>
Central Mont. - Lewistown		<6.12>
Wibaux Co.		<5.24>
Parkside - Helena		<5.11>
Carbon Health Care - Red Lodge		<4.96>
Hillside - Missoula		<4.92>
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Mintn View - White Sulphur		<3.63>
Wayside - Missoula		<3.27>
Richland - Sidney		<2.82>
Bozeman Conv.		<2.78>
Hot Springs N.H.		<2.50>
Butte Park Royal		<2.32>
Faith Luth. - Wolf Point		<2.37>
Friendship - Miles City		<2.25>
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West Side - Ronan		<1.86>
Comm. N.H. - Missoula		<1.82>
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Big Fork Conv.		<1.24>
Livingston Conv.		<1.04>
Valle Vista - Lewistown		<.92>
Colonial Manor - Whitefish		<.85>
Glendeen Comm.		<.82>
Yellowstone Co. - Billings		<.79>
Valley View Ed - Hamilton		<.60>
Crest - Butte		<.55>
Hi-Line - Havre		<.50>
Laurel N.H.		<.35>
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Blackfoot - Browning		-0-

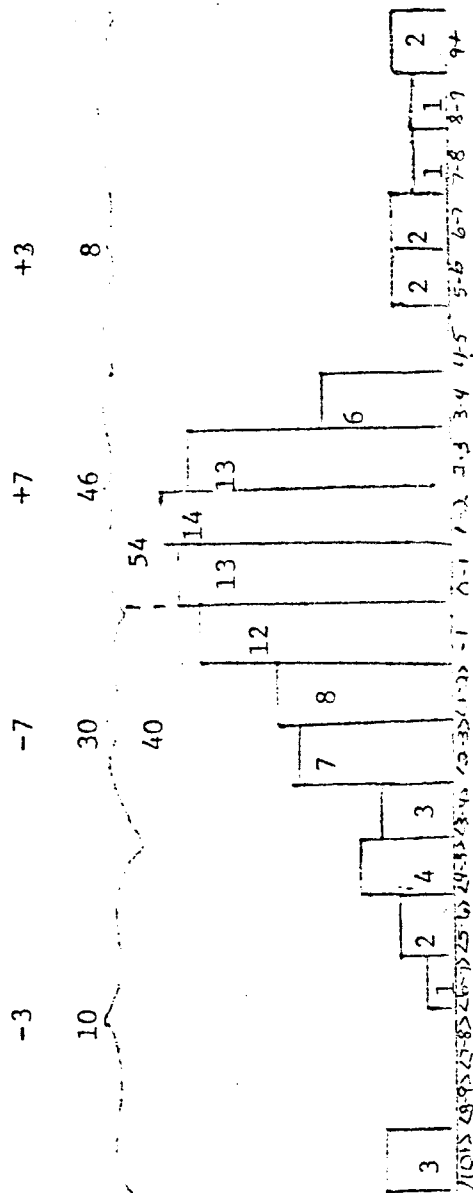
Differences Using 80th Gail

Differences Using 90th Gail

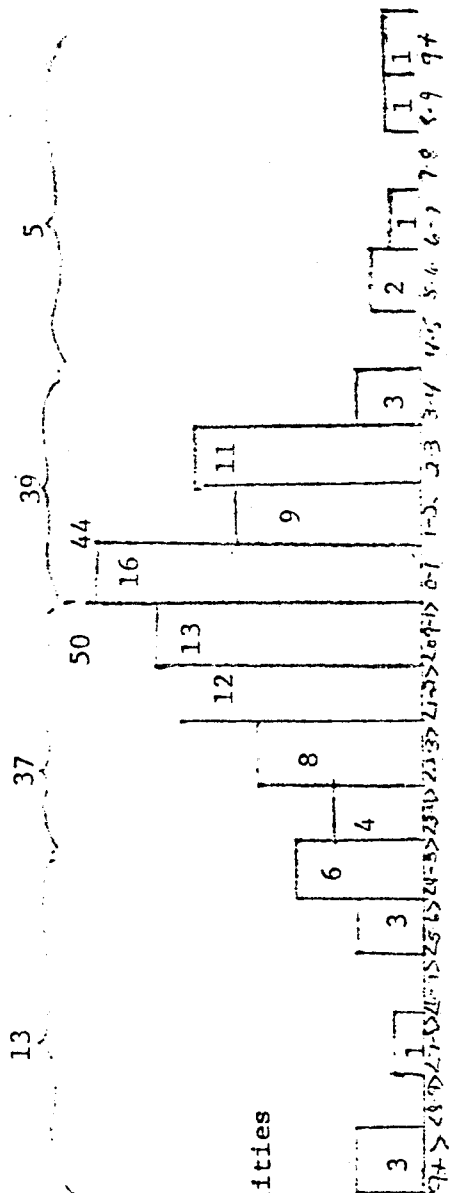
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Wheatland - Hartington	2.60
Crown Co. - Rich Lodge	2.42
Mid. Cent. Ag. - Lewistown	2.43
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Madison Co. - Sheridan	2.98
St. John's - Billings	3.24
Broadwater Co. - Townsend	3.40
Daniels - Scooby	3.44
Fallen - Baker	5.26
Powder River - Broadw.	5.59
Madison Co. - Ennis	6.52
Prairie Comm. - Terry	8.38
Garfield - Jordan	9.28

Memorial - Cut Bank	3.01
Comm. Hosp. H.H. - Poplar	3.26
Broadwater Co. - Townsend	3.41
Daniels - Scooby	3.49
Big Horn - Hardin	2.52
Toole Co. - Shelby	3.44
Roundup, Wyo.	5.12
Silver Box - Butte	5.94
Fallen - Baker	6.13
Powder River - Broadw.	6.25
Madison Co. - Ennis	7.22
St. John's - Billings	8.00
Prairie Comm. - Terry	10.61
Garfield - Jordan	14.24

Histogram of \$ Difference
between Current Rates and
90 percentile for April' 79
< > - less than current 4/10/79



Histogram of \$ Difference
between Current Rates and
Initial April' 79 Rate @
80 percentile
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NAME	RESIDENCE	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPOS
Jim Stevenson	Great Falls	Park Place Nursing		
Janet Wilkins	" "	" "	" "	
Breanne Taylor	" "	" "	" "	
Ludy Jones	" "	" "	" "	
Pat Hurley	" "	" "	" "	
Diane Hinzman	" "	" "	" "	
Jessi Jackson	" "	" "	" "	
Janet Van Tighem	" "	" "	" "	
Shirley Frederick	" "	" "	" "	
Rosemary Willis	" "	" "	" "	
Dorothy Hardy	Butte	Park Royal Nursing Home		
Leslie Bruck	Butte Mt.	Park Royal		
Betty Sikkema	Bozeman	Boz Conv. Center Nursing		
Barraine Harlow	Bozeman Mt.	Boz Conv. Center Nursing		
Janet Stuart	Bozeman Mt.	Boz Conv. Center Nursing		
Donald A. Burt	1705 13th Ave S. ^{GREAT FALLS}	Park Place Nursing Home		
Mr. [unclear]		OT [unclear], Mt. P.P. [unclear]		
Harold Apples	Bozeman Mt.			
Ray McComb	Bozeman Mt.	Bozeman Conv. Center		
Bill Vild	Bozeman Mt.	Bozeman Nursing, Dela		
Carol Kopp	Butte Mt.	Butte Park Royal		

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Thos Hill	Helena	Governor's Off.	—	
Kenned Lorenz	Leipzig			
W. Weiss	Helena	OBD		
Groutman	Willon	Arkansas Cons. Cat.		
Paula Bakke	Bozeman	Boz. Convalescent Center		
Edw O. Baldy	Livermore	Liv. Convalescent Center		
Ron Roudette	Butte	Butte Park Royal Crest		
Ruth Stokes	Helena	Western Home		
Don Schmidt	St. Falls	Park Place		
Gary B. Lewett	Helena	SRS		
John A. Meredith	Helena	SRS		
Bill Hard	Helena	SRS		
Greg Myler	Butte	Butte Park Royal		
Jarrett Shifty	Butte	Crest Home		
Elmer Roseth	Butte	Park Royal		
Joe Roseth	"	"		
Beverly Gibson	Helena	Mont. Assoc. of Counties		
P.M. Walker	Helena	SRS		
Lee Herrmann	Whitefish	Colonial Manor		
Nick Scheetz	Helena	Helena Nursing Home		
John B. Wain	Hamilton	Valley View Estate N.H.		
Joe G. Kaduka	Aracoma	Comm onky	—	
Angus Berry	Big Fork	Big Fork Convalesch.		

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Milton Dabopoulos	MISSOULA	Mont. Nursing Home Assoc.		
BRAD SHEPHERD	MISSOULA	APPROX 12 NURSING HOMES		
Don Hammett	Butte	Legislator Dist 88		
Ray J. Larkin	Butte	Legislator Dist 84		
W. Ellison	WPA	H.D. #73		
Clarence Shear	Butte	Butte Senior Center		
Tracy Dagle	Butte	Dist 87		
Dr. Bob Carlisle	Butte	DIST 86		
James Bompert	HELENA	PARKSIDE MANOR ICE/MR		
Paul Bompert	Helena	PARKSIDE MANOR ICE/MR		
Michael Bompert	"	" " " "		
Mary Kenna	COLUMBUS	STILLWATER CONValescent Ctr		
Doug Williams	DEER LODGE	Colonial Manor		
W. H. Hargison	HOTSPRINGS	Hot Springs Center		
Jim Wirtz	Bozeman	H.D. 77		
Phil A. Eklund	Bozeman	Reg. N.D. 75		
Thomas M. Farnsworth	Helena	Helena Manor		
Bill Chapel	Claremont	Helbrook NH		
Edna Drake	Helena	Mont. Nursing Home Assoc.		
Lucille Walsh	Butte	Butte Senior Center		
Art Downey	Butte	Butte Senior Center		
Ms. Herbert Downey	Butte	Butte Park Royal		
Mrs. Cheryl Cutting	Butte	Butte Park Royal		

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NAME	RESIDENCE	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPO
Mrs Mrs Pat McArthur	422 SPOKANE AVE WHITEFISH MT	BIGFORK CONVAL. HOME, MARY GUTEN (SONN) PATIENT		
ALSO WHITEFISH GOLDEN AGERS, SOCIETY OPTIMIST CLUB				
WHITEFISH, REBEKAH LODGE #78, WHITEFISH, DON ELDER + LILLIE GREGG ALSO OF WHITEFISH				
Ellie Christensen	38 BAKER AVE WHITEFISH MT			
Ray Vedorath	Butte.	Crest Nursery.		
Glen Weland	Butte	Crest		
Peggy O'Neill	Butte	Crest		
Buck Jones	Butte	Crest		
Paula Hany	Butte	Park Royal CC		
Geri Shea	Butte	"		
Ted Bailey	Butte	Park Royal		
Harold Reed	Butte	Park Royal		
Ed Perry	Butte	Park Royal		
Rose Vinner	Butte	Park Royal		
Ed Druchette	Butte	Park Royal		
Margaret LaMarch	Butte	Park Royal		
Carol Kopp	Butte	Park Royal		
Wilby Hoffis	"	"		
Sonia Campbell	"	"		
Hazel Patterson	"	"		
Burrell Norcott	"	"		
Mgt Duane	"	"		

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Ignacia Brantling	Butte	Park Royal		
Edil Swamy	Butte	Park Royal		
Irma McQuinn	Butte	Park Royal		
Edith Buech	"	"		
Irma Thorsen	"	"		
Quinn	"	"		
Norman Young	"	"		
Edith Richards	"	"		
Valley Levett	"	"		
Edith Blankinship	"	"		
Ma Headly	"	"		
Mary Pratt	"	"		
Delma Curtis	"	"		
va Graham	"	"		
Paul Blasing	"	"		
reflyor Bung	"	"		
Edith Delaney	"	"		
Edith Nocera	"	"		
Vernera Ferguson	"	"		
Margie Swamy	"	"		
Matilda Hillborg	"	"		
Edith Culhane	"	"		
Edith Taylor	"	"		

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NAME	RESIDENCE	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPO
Ingette Schneider	Butte	Butte Park Royal		
Peggy Sullivan	Butte	Butte Park Royal		
Barbara Matteson	Butte	Butte Park Royal		
Frank Rome	Butte	Butte Park Royal		
Beverly Acker	Butte	Butte Park Royal		
Lori Ball	Butte	Butte Park Royal		
Mary Christman	Butte	Butte Park Royal		
Erneine E. na	Butte	Butte Park Royal		
Mike Adams	Butte	Butte Park Royal		
Tom Martin	Butte	Butte Park Royal		
Ellen Martin	Butte	Butte Park Royal		
Karen Adams	H/E/ENA	Butte Park Royal		
James Salsing	Donner Creek Falls	Donner Falls		
Grace Hicks	Great Falls	Park Place at Falls		
Eva Anderson	St. Falls	" " " "		
Elsa Clenter	St. Falls	" " " "		
Ann Peterson	" " "	" " "		
Bulah Kueper	" "	" "		
Francis Thugea	" " "	" " "		
Do Gerard	" " "	" " "		
Mary Lates	" " "	" " "		
Francis Johnson	" " "	" " "		
Mary Leonard	" " "	" " "		

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Living Freeman	Great Falls	Park Place Nursing		
Rose Mae	" " "	" " "		
Agnes Oliver	" " "	" " "		
Betty McDermott	" " "	" " "		
Betty Johnson	" " "	" " "		
Euth Rasmussen	" " "	" " "		
William Brewer	" " "	" " "		
Hazel Nelson	" " "	" " "		
Ardo Nelson	" " "	" " "		
Billy Rydberg	" " "	" " "		
Mabel Briggs	" " "	" " "		
Pita Morse	" " "	" " "		
Eril Murphy	" " "	" " "		
Mrs. Mary Peris	" " "	" " "		
Idna Sewich	" " "	" " "		
Gill Albrecht	" " "	" " "		
Harriet Albrecht	" " "	" " "		
Helen Brenon	" " "	" " "		
Viola Hare	" " "	" " "		
Mace Hewitt	" " "	" " "		
Helen Kopitzke	" " "	" " "		
Mildred O'Leary	" " "	" " "		
Mabel P. Reim	" " "	" " "		

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Leonard Schenberg	Great Falls, Pub. Plac. Nursing			
Wm. Fisher	" " "	" " "		
Asperleider	" " "	" " "		
Valia Myers	" " "	" " "		
Lorence Hadfield	" " "	" " "		
Mary Duley	" " "	" " "		
Erzside Seifert	" " "	" " "		
Ruth Moses	" " "	" " "		
Frank Moses	" " "	" " "		
Ketchen Holt	" " "	" " "		
Vandy Dunkin	" " "	" " "		
Ester Hansen	" " "	" " "		
Lera Brown	" " "	" " "		
Edrid Theline	" " "	" " "		
Berte Denning	" " "	" " "		
Stella Asleron	" " "	" " "		
Lloyd Mahoney	" " "	" " "		
Wm. Baroni	" " "	" " "		
Katherine Burns	" " "	" " "		
Cleanor Robinson	" " "	" " "		
Wright Whitt	" " "	" " "		
Wm. Scott	" " "	" " "		
Elsie Bunting	" " "	" " "		

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Ikla Crawford	Great Falls	Park Place Nursing		
rma Babek	" "	" "		
ladys Neuser	" "	" "		
inden Wolfe	" "	" "		
Tora Wolfe	" "	" "		
Ed McRae	" "	" "		
Nary Polglase	" "	" "		
red Polglase	" "	" "		
Lloyd Wilson	" "	" "		
Lee Emaline	" "	" "		
Loretta Doran	" "	" "		
Rnn Hoerning	" "	" "		
Ed Mae	" "	" "		
Lumen Dilleppie	" "	" "		
John Howarter	" "	" "		
Pat McDough	" "	" "		
Agnes Benson	" "	" "		
Larry Gardner	" "	" "		
Harriett Harris	" "	" "		
N. Marie Rothwater	" "	" "		
Russa Nuff	" "	" "		
Sharon Fox	" "	" "		
Big Pearson	" "	" "		

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Faye Snell	Great Falls	Park Place Nursing Home		
Bida Dean	"	"	"	
Lynne Pernice	"	"	"	
Carol Barton	" "	" "		
Denise Gay	" "	" "	"	
James Hargrave	" "	" "	"	
Joseph J. Hoffmann	" "	" "	"	
Lucille @ Bud	Kalspell	Bigfork Convalescent Care		
Helene R. Sutton	Kalspell	Bigfork Convalescent C.		
Vera Spengler	Kalspell	Bigfork Conv. C.		
Kay Roy	Bigfork	Bigfork Conv. Center		
Herrie Whitaker	Bigfork	Bigfork "		
Eileen M. Enslly	"	" "	"	
Christie Otrass	"	"	"	
Mack Simpson	"	" "	"	
Susan Schmidt	Great Falls	Park Place Nursing		
El Helisten	" "	" "	"	
Lillian Steffen	" "	" "	"	
Krene Gordon	Cut Bank	" "	"	
Richard Kujala	Great Falls	" "	"	
Lola Ackerman	" "	" "	"	
Thermaine Papp	" "	" "	"	
Phyllis Burke	" "	" "	"	

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