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IN THE HOUSE

February 8, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Human Services.
February 17, 1979	Committee recommend bill, do pass.
February 19, 1979	On motion, taken from second reading and referred to Committee on Appropriations.
March 24, 1979	Committee recommend bill, do not pass.
March 26, 1979	Report adopted.

House BILL NO. 653

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HEMOPHILIA TREATMENT PROGRAM; CREATING A HEMOPHILIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Purpose. It is the intent of the legislature to establish a program for the care and treatment of persons who require blood and blood products for hemophilia and related diseases, including factor VIII, factor IX, and Von Willebrand's, but who are unable to pay for the services on a continuing basis.

Section 2. Definitions. As used in [this act,] the following definitions apply:

(1) "Committee" means the hemophilia advisory committee established in [section 7];

(2) "Department" means the department of health and environmental sciences;

(3) "Director" means the director of the department of health and environmental sciences;

(4) "Hemophilia" means a bleeding disorder resulting from a genetically determined deficiency factor in the blood or a hereditary abnormal or deficient plasma procoagulant.

Section 3. Establishment of program. A hemophilia treatment program is established in this state to be administered by the department of health and environmental sciences. The treatment program shall assist those persons who require continuing treatment with blood and blood products and the administration of blood and blood products to avoid crippling, hospitalization, or other effects associated with hemophilia, but who are unable to pay for the entire cost of such services on a continuing basis.

Section 4. Committee meetings -- report -- reimbursement. (1) The committee will meet on call of the director not less than twice a year. The director shall give a semiannual report to the committee detailing the plans and activities of the department concerning the hemophilia treatment program.

(2) Members of the committee shall receive expenses for the performance of committee duties as provided for in 2-18-501 through 2-18-503.

Section 5. Duties of department. The duties of the department, with the advice of the committee, include:

(1) developing standards for determining eligibility for the care and treatment of persons suffering from hemophilia and related diseases;

(2) assisting in development and expansion of programs for the care and treatment of persons suffering from

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hemophilia and related diseases;

(3) extending financial assistance to persons of any age who suffer from hemophilia or related diseases for the purpose of obtaining blood and blood products and other efficacious agents that may be used at home or in a hospital, medical or dental facility, including the administration of such blood and blood products;

(4) instituting and carrying on community educational programs for the detection of hemophilia and for the counseling of individuals and families who suffer from hemophilia and related diseases;

(5) conducting educational programs for physicians, dentists, hospitals, county health departments, and the public concerning the methods of care and treatment for persons suffering from hemophilia and related diseases.

Section 6. Eligibility determination. For the purpose of determining eligibility for financial assistance, the department shall use the criteria established for crippled children under Title V of the Social Security Act.

Section 7. Hemophilia advisory committee. (1) There is a hemophilia advisory committee for the purpose of advising and consulting with the director in the administration of [sections 1 through 6].

(2) The committee consists of the director as ex officio chairman and 12 members appointed by the director

from the following constituency groups, none of which shall be represented on the committee by more than four members:

(a) voluntary agencies interested in hemophilia;

(b) medical specialists in hemophilia patient care;

(c) consumers of hemophilia treatment;

(d) the general public.

(3) Each member shall serve a term of 4 years, except that initial terms are as follows:

(a) two members shall be appointed for 1 year.

(b) four members shall be appointed for 2 years.

(c) four members shall be appointed for 3 years.

(d) two members shall be appointed for 4 years.

(4) The director shall fill any vacancy on the committee by appointing a new member from the same constituency group represented by the vacating member.

Section 8. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the general fund $283,200 to the department of health and environmental sciences for the biennium ending June 30, 1981, for the purpose of establishing a hemophilia treatment program.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 416-79

FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request received February 22, 19 79, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 653 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

A bill for an act entitled: "An act establishing a hemophilia treatment program; creating a hemophilia advisory committee; and appropriating funds therefor."

ASSUMPTIONS:

1) There are 50 such cases in Montana, of which approximately 20 would involve a patient under the age of 21.
2) The hemophiliac usually experiences one to two bleeds a week.
3) Physical therapy is also necessary as often as possible, however, the usual practice is two times per week.
4) Medical appliances such as braces, crutches, wheel chairs, etc., are also needed for this type of medical problem.
5) Information available indicates that the usual cost per hemophiliac is $5,664.
6) Due to the limitations of the dollar amount shown in section 8 of the proposed legislation, only 50 percent of the cases will be served on an annual basis.

FISCAL IMPACT:	1980	1981
Factor and Medical Services	$134,400	$142,200
Board Cost	3,200	3,400
Totals	$137,600	$145,600

NOTE: Funds are appropriated from the general fund in the above amounts by the proposed legislation.

LOCAL IMPACT:

Services will be offered and paid for in the local communities. Basically, the benefit will be a reduction in medical costs to the families involved.

BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2/27/79