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**TESTIMONY OF MONA JAMISON ON BEHALF OF
SHODAIR HOSPITAL
SB 120**

- ◆ Shodair Hospital was founded in 1896 and has continuously provided care to Montana children and families. We are licensed as a hospital and provide 8 acute psychiatric beds for children and adolescents. We also provide 60 residential treatment beds for children and adolescents.
 - In fiscal year 2003 we provided 1490 patient days of care in our acute unit. Last fiscal year we provided 2121 patient days in acute care, all Montana children. This is a 42.35% increase in patient days
 - In fiscal year 2003 we provided 17,827 patient days in our residential treatment facility. Last fiscal year we provided 19,171 patient days. Again, all Montana Children. This is an increase of 7.54%
 - Shodair Hospital provides more Medicaid patient days than any other hospital in Montana.
 - 93% of our patients are Medicaid.
 - We serve the entire State of Montana. Approximately 33% of our patients come from within 100 miles of Helena and the remaining 66% from all areas of the State.
 - Our uncompensated care exceeded over 1 Million Dollars a year for the past 18 years until this provider tax was enacted. During the mental health managed care crisis in Montana, Shodair lost over 2.5 million dollars in one year alone.

- Shodair has been supported by its foundation over the years but because of the fact that more and more support was demanded due to the fact that Medicaid didn't pay the total costs of care our foundation has become depleted.
- The passage of the utilization fee last legislative session enabled Shodair to maintain its level of services to Montana's children.
- During the past two years Shodair has worked very hard with the Department of Public Health and Human Services to keep children in State that in years past would have to go out of State.
- As previously stated, Shodair serves Montana Children. Prior to the passage of the utilization fee last session, Shodair was exploring contracts with other states to provide services to the children of other states because the reimbursement was much higher. The utilization fee enabled Shodair to not proceed with those plans.
- We urge the passage of this utilization fee so we can continue our mission of 109 years, *PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE TO THE CHILDREN OF MONTANA*

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment to the Committee. Shodair is available to answer questions or discuss our comments in greater detail.