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My name is Doug Amsden. I am disabled and live in Billings, MT. I am unemployed and live on a SSDI monthly check. My expenses for sometimes unexpected medical costs are difficult to meet. I recently had to budget the costs within a spend down for Medicaid help to buy both special made shoes and eye glasses. These extra costs that I had to meet directly affected my purchase of other essential health care items. My welfare and health both suffered from this experience.

I feel this negative issue concerning the economic health of fellow disabled people should be addressed. This is to say that my interest for self-determination would be better served if the costs for Medicaid help to cover all my healthcare needs were deducted from my SSDI check. I believe that if such a pre-payment plan of this kind had been in place that I would not have had to adjust to such a hardship or traumatic experience.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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