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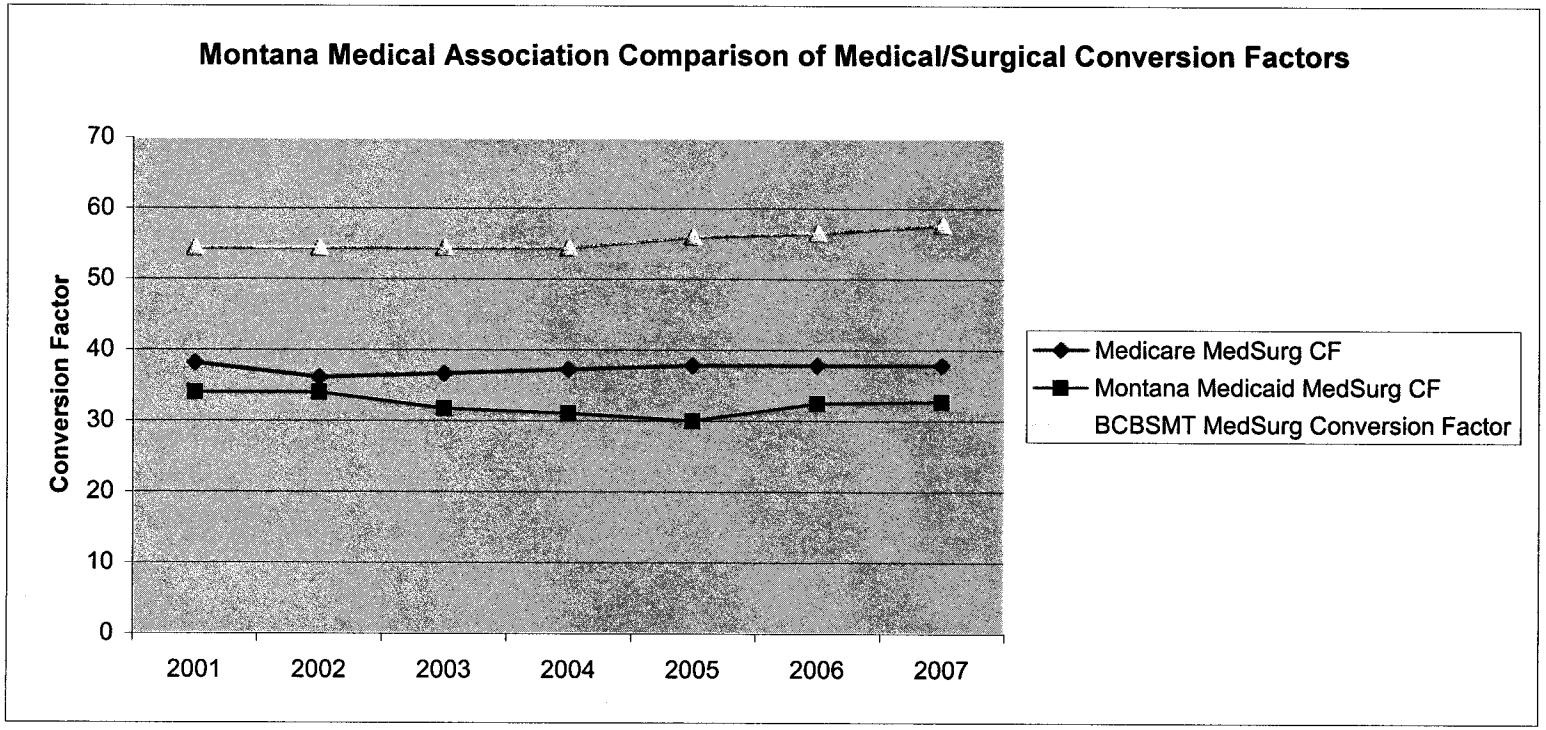
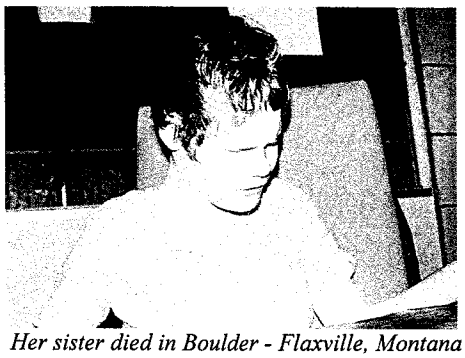
Medical/Surgical Conversion Factors for Medicare, MT Medicaid and BCBSMT

	Medicare MedSurg CF	Montana Medicaid MedSurg CF	BCBSMT MedSurg Conversion Factor
2001	38.2581	34.15	54.5
2002	36.1992	34.15	54.5
2003	36.7856	31.9	54.5
2004	37.3374	31.18	54.5
2005	37.8975	30.11	56.01
2006	37.8975	32.59	56.57
2007	37.8975	32.81	57.7

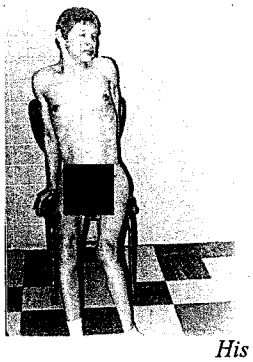


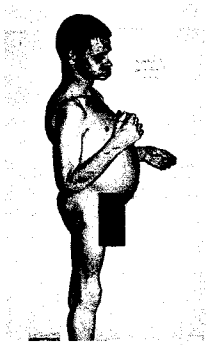
Note:
2007 BCBSMT conversion factor effective March 1, 2007

A few patients with disorders that are amenable to screening.



Her sister died in Boulder - Flaxville, Montana





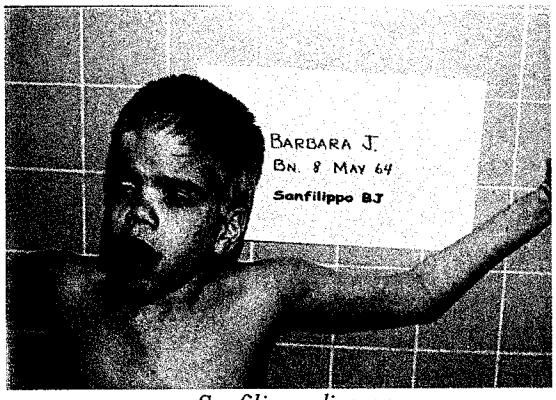
His affected sister born in Oregon

There were 14 Untreated PKU patients in Boulder in 1973

By 1973 we had diagnosed 34 patients with PKU from Montana families – at least five had been treated.

This is a treated Montana patient. His IQ is above average (117 by one measure)
Helena, Montana

Sanfilippo diagnosed 10 yrs. postmortem
Rocker, Montana

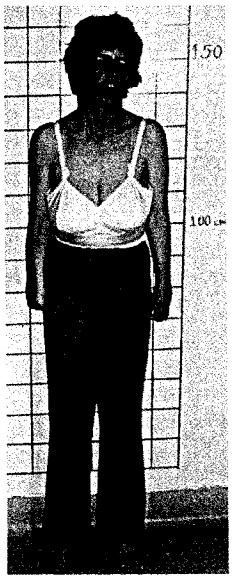


Sanfilippo disease
Anaconda, Montana

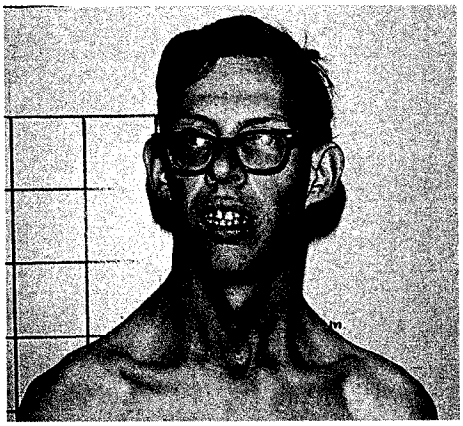
The AMPS diseases are not successfully treated at this stage of the game (just as PKU was back in the fifties) **but these families do need counseling as soon as the diagnosis can be made and some treatment is available.**

Hunter disease – an x-linked recessive storage disease - AMPS

Hyperprolinemia-aminoaciduria



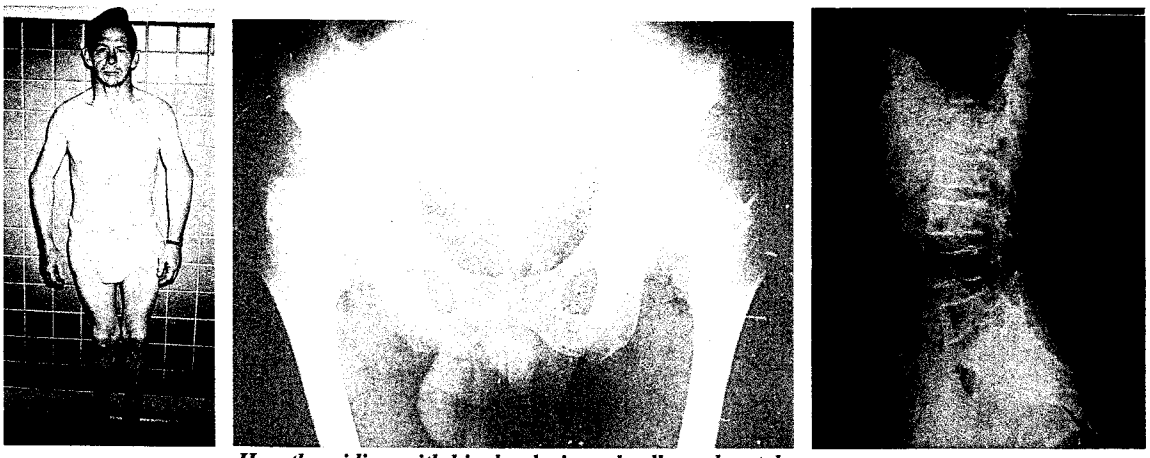
Sister of Jackie – cretinism, cancer of thyroid, frozen hands & feet



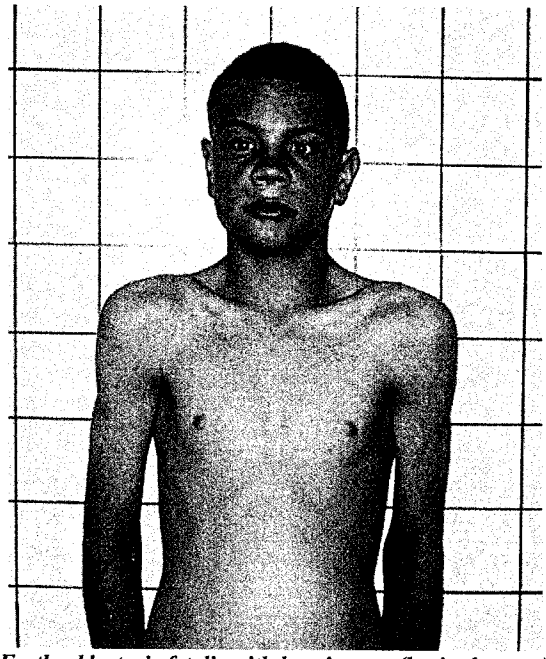
Robert- cancer of thyroid, cretinism

Jackie S. At age 11 he had an adenocarcinoma of the thyroid. These three siblings were affected. There were two normal siblings.

There were 18 untreated hypothyroid (Cretins) patients in Boulder in 1973



Hypothyroidism with hip dysplasia and collapsed vertebrae



Erythroblastosis fetalis with kernicterus (brain damage)
This is a blood type problem

Rubella (German measles)

In 1973 there were 14 patients in Boulder as a result of rubella. Last year there were none in Boulder. The vaccine has been effective as well as screening prospective mothers. There is a very reduced need for such screening now, although occasional outbreaks (200 cases north of us in Canada two years ago) demonstrate we should still exercise concern in this area.