

HB 718 -- HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

SPONSOR: Fitzwater (144)

This bill prohibits any hospital or health care services provider that receives funding from MO HealthNet from refusing to contract with or provide health care services to the Department of Corrections directly or to any contractor to the department that provides health care services to any individual incarcerated in a Missouri correctional setting.

The department or its contracted provider must pay to a provider of a health care service for a person residing in a correctional or detention facility an amount no greater than 100% of the MO HealthNet reimbursement rate or federal Medicare reimbursement rate, whichever is greater, for any given procedure applicable to the provider and service. This limitation applies to all health care services, both inpatient and outpatient, goods, and prescription drugs provided to a person outside the facility.

At the request of the department, the Attorney General must seek injunctive relief from any court of competent jurisdiction or the circuit court of Cole County against any hospital or health care services provider that does not comply with these provisions. If the court finds for the state, attorney fees must be awarded to the state.

Any cost savings due to these provisions must inure to the state and not to any health care services contractor.