

HOUSE BILL NO. 268

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BRATTIN.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 217, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to inmate charges for medical treatment at correctional facilities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 217, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 217.243, to read as follows:

- 217.243. 1. Any inmate who receives an on-site nonemergency medical examination or treatment from the correctional center's medical personnel shall be assessed a charge of fifty cents per visit for the medical examination or treatment.**
- 2. Inmates shall be charged a co-pay fee except for the following:**
- (1) Health care services based on staff referrals;**
 - (2) Staff-approved follow-up treatment for chronic illnesses;**
 - (3) Preventive health care;**
 - (4) Emergency services;**
 - (5) Prenatal care;**
 - (6) Diagnosis or treatment of chronic infectious diseases;**
 - (7) Mental health care; or**
 - (8) Substance abuse treatment.**
- 3. Inmates without funds shall not be charged, provided they are considered to be indigent and are unable to pay the health care services fee.**
- 4. The department may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,**
19 **section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers**
20 **vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective**
21 **date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the**
22 **grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2017,**
23 **shall be invalid and void.**

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