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AN ACT

To amend chapter 172, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a University of Missouri program to assist organ transplant patients.

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

Section A. Chapter 172, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 172.875, to read as follows:

172.875. 1. The Missouri kidney program in the University of Missouri, a statewide program that provides treatment for renal disease, shall administer a separate program to provide assistance for immunosuppressive pharmaceuticals and other services for other organ transplant patients. The Missouri kidney program shall establish guidelines and eligibility requirements and procedures, similar to those established to serve eligible end stage renal disease patients, for other organ transplant patients to receive assistance pursuant to this section.

- 2. Every person who receives assistance as a new participant in the Missouri kidney program pursuant to this section shall pay the administrative costs associated with such person's participation in the program.
- 3. The Missouri kidney program shall coordinate efforts with the divisions of family services and medical services in the department of social services to provide the most efficient and cost-effective assistance to organ transplant patients.
- 4. From funds appropriated to provide assistance pursuant to this section, the priority shall be to provide pharmaceutical services. If other funds are available through the transplant program, other services for the treatment of organ transplant patients may be provided.