

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# 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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