

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2372, Page 20, Section 208.149, Line
2 32, by inserting after said section and line the following:

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4 "208.270. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Food is Medicine
5 Act".

6 2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

7 (1) "Medically tailored groceries", a selection of groceries, including but not limited to
8 fruits, vegetables, grains, beans, lean proteins, or dairy, that is prescribed by a registered dietitian
9 or qualified clinical team for individuals who are able to prepare food;

10 (2) "Medically tailored meals", meals used to meet the specific dietary needs of
11 individuals living with one or more chronic conditions or diet-related conditions. Such meals are
12 prescribed by a registered dietitian or qualified clinical team and home-delivered for individuals
13 who are not able to prepare food on their own;

14 (3) "Produce prescriptions", the prescription of fruits, vegetables, or other healthy foods
15 with no added fats, sugars, or salts to at-risk patients by a registered dietitian or qualified clinical
16 team, typically in the form of coupons or vouchers for local farmers' markets, grocery stores, or
17 mobile markets.

18 3. The department of social services shall apply to the Centers for Medicare and
19 Medicaid Services of the federal Department of Health and Human Services for a Section 1115
20 demonstration waiver to implement the "Food is Medicine" program for the purpose of providing
21 nutritional support through the MO HealthNet program. The food is medicine program shall be
22 designed to improve health outcomes for MO HealthNet participants with nutrition-related
23 chronic diseases through nutrition services and to reduce the need for medical care for those
24 participants.

25 4. Nutrition services covered under this program may include, but shall not be limited to,
26 the following:

27 (1) Case management;

28 (2) Nutrition counseling; and

29 (3) Food provisions prescribed by a registered dietitian or qualified clinical team,
30 including:

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- 1 (a) Medically tailored groceries;
2 (b) Medically tailored meals; and
3 (c) Produce prescriptions.

4 5. Whenever feasible, the MO HealthNet division shall prioritize the inclusion of
5 community-based organizations and local growers to support the purchase of locally grown food
6 in nutrition prescriptions.

7 6. The department of social services shall promulgate all necessary rules and regulations
8 for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in
9 section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become
10 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if
11 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the
12 powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
13 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
14 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2025, shall be invalid
15 and void."; and

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17 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
18 accordingly.