

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**Offered By**

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2372, Page 13, Section 195.417, Line  
2 92, by inserting after said section and line the following:

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4 "195.1000. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, ivermectin tablets and  
5 hydroxychloroquine tablets shall be available to the public through over-the-counter purchase in  
6 this state without a prescription or consultation with a pharmacist or other health care  
7 professional."; and

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9 Further amend said bill, Page 20, Section 208.149, Line 32, by inserting after said section and  
10 line the following:

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12 "208.270. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Food is Medicine  
13 Act".

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

15 (1) "Medically tailored groceries", a selection of groceries, including but not limited to  
16 fruits, vegetables, grains, beans, lean proteins, or dairy, that is prescribed by a registered dietitian  
17 or qualified clinical team for individuals who are able to prepare food. Such groceries may be  
18 specifically selected by a registered dietitian or qualified clinical team, or selected by a  
19 participant from a pantry in accordance with dietary recommendations set by a registered  
20 dietitian or qualified clinical team;

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

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

29 3. The department of social services shall apply to the Centers for Medicare and  
30 Medicaid Services of the federal Department of Health and Human Services for a Section 1115  
31 demonstration waiver to implement the "Food is Medicine" program for the purpose of providing

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1 nutritional support through the MO HealthNet program. The food is medicine program shall be  
2 designed to improve health outcomes for MO HealthNet participants with nutrition-related  
3 chronic diseases through nutrition services and to reduce the need for medical care for those  
4 participants.

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

7 (1) Case management;

8 (2) Nutrition counseling; and

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

11 (a) Medically tailored groceries;

12 (b) Medically tailored meals; and

13 (c) Produce prescriptions.

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

17 6. The department of social services shall promulgate all necessary rules and regulations  
18 for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in  
19 section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become  
20 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if  
21 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the  
22 powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective  
23 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of  
24 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2026, shall be invalid  
25 and void."; and

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