

FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 129**  
**98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

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

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*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  
2 known as section 217.243, to read as follows:

- 3       **217.243. 1. Any inmate who receives on-site nonemergency medical examination**  
4 **or treatment from the correctional center's medical personnel shall be assessed a charge**  
5 **of fifty cents per visit for the medical examination or treatment.**  
6       **2. Inmates shall be charged a copay fee except for the following:**  
7       **(1) Health care services based on staff referrals;**  
8       **(2) Staff approved follow up treatment for chronic illnesses;**  
9       **(3) Preventive health care;**  
10       **(4) Emergency services;**  
11       **(5) Prenatal care;**  
12       **(6) Diagnosis or treatment of chronic infectious diseases;**  
13       **(7) Mental health care; or**  
14       **(8) Substance abuse treatment.**  
15       **3. Inmates without funds will not be charged provided the inmate is considered to**  
16 **be indigent and are unable to be pay the health care services fee.**  
      **4. The department is authorized to promulgate rules necessary to implement the**  
      **provisions of this section.**

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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.