

SENATE BILL NO. 257

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BRATTIN.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

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. Effective January 1, 2024, any inmate who receives an on-site nonemergency medical examination or treatment from the correctional center's medical personnel shall be assessed a co-pay fee of fifty cents per visit for the medical examination or treatment.

2. Inmates shall not be charged a co-pay fee for the following:

- (1) Staff-approved follow-up treatment for chronic illnesses;**
- (2) Preventive health care;**
- (3) Emergency services;**
- (4) Prenatal care;**
- (5) Diagnosis or treatment of infectious diseases;**
- (6) Mental health care; or**
- (7) Substance abuse treatment.**

3. Inmates without funds shall not be charged, provided such inmates are considered to be indigent and are unable to pay the co-pay fee.

19 4. The department shall deposit all funds collected
20 pursuant to this section in the general revenue fund of the
21 state.

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