

## Cost of executions skyrocketing in Texas, other states

Increased costs due to new execution drug

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As Texas prison officials face the likelihood that one of the three drugs used in the nation's busiest execution chamber might no longer be available, they are facing another reality: The cost of executions is skyrocketing as well.

A year ago, it cost the Texas Department of Criminal Justice \$83.35 to carry out an execution. But since the state was forced to switch from one powerful sedative to another, the cost is now \$1,286.86.

That means that the 12 executions carried out so far with the new drug have cost taxpayers more than \$15,400, instead of \$1,000.

"The cost of all three drugs has gone up, but the overall increase is because of pentobarbital," Jason Clark, a spokesman for the corrections agency, said Thursday.

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