

<http://www.MSCNews.net/news/index.cfm?nk=44543>

New Missouri Laws Include Chemo Pill Price Ceiling

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - Cancer medicine that previously could cost thousands of dollars soon will cost Missourians at most \$75 a month.

State lawmakers and cancer patient advocates say the new state law taking effect Thursday will increase access to chemotherapy pills.

They say those drugs typically have fewer harmful side effects compared to traditional intravenous chemotherapy.

But previously the pills cost patients thousands of dollars more than the IV procedure.

Other laws that will take effect in 2015 include one requiring that women be notified after a mammogram that dense breast tissue can hide signs of cancer.

Another mandates that the state create a handbook to help train adult daycare providers, and one will increase fees for companies that violate federal natural gas safety standards.

Associated Press