

DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee January 2016

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APIC Public Policy (2016)

<http://apic.org/Advocacy/Government-Affairs-and-Advocacy>

APIC E-News Highlights (2016)

<http://apic.org/Member-Services/Publications/E-News>

1/6/2016	Registration for annual NHSN training course to open Monday, January 11
1/6/2016	Update to December 2015 NHSN E-newsletter corrects CMS reporting deadline
1/5/2016	FDA cautions users to beware of Noxafil dosing errors
12/29/2015	Fuji issues revised duodenoscope reprocessing instructions
12/29/2015	CMS begins infection control pilot project
12/28/2015	APIC comments on proposed revisions to the Common Rule
12/28/2015	APIC responds to CMS discharge planning revisions
12/23/2015	NHSN wins big in federal budget
12/22/2015	Important updates included in December NHSN E-newsletter
12/22/2015	APIC supports FDA recommendations for vial labeling
12/22/2015	Etest PIP/TAZO/CON-4 PTC 256 recalled

Texas HAI/PAE Reporting Resources:

Be sure and check the website below for updated information on facility requirements and/or sign up for e-mail updates:

Texas HAI Homepage: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/infection_control/hai/

Texas Register (2016)

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>

Last Review Completed: 1/06/2016

Current Search Parameters for Review:

25 TAC: Chapters 2, 97, 133, 135, 200

30 TAC: Chapter 330; Subchapter Y

Key: X Pending

X	Date	Action	Title/Ch./Rules	Topic / Comments
	10/9/2015	Proposed Rule Amendments	25 TAC §§97.1 - 97.7, 97.13	The purpose of the amendments is to clarify the conditions and diseases that must be reported; clarify the minimal reportable information requirements for the conditions and diseases; and adjust the list of reportable diseases to include diseases and conditions of concern to public health.
	10/16/2015	Adopted Rule Amendments	25 TAC §§97.131 - 97.134, 97.139	The amendments update and clarify the disease reporting rules for STDs, including HIV and AIDS and make the disease reporting process more efficient in Texas. The amendments clarify reporting language, align the reporting rules with recent changes to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) HIV surveillance case definition, and update language to reflect advancements in HIV testing technology.

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