

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee  
March 2016**

**NATIONAL ISSUES**

REMINDER: Read your weekly APIC E-News and visit APIC's Public Policy page for updates on federal issues

**APIC Public Policy (2016)**

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

2/24/2016	CDC updates guidance for caring for children with possible Zika infection
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**APIC E-News Highlights (2016)**

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

2/24/2016	NHSN training next week: Supervisor letter from APIC
2/24/2016	CDC updates guidance for caring for children with possible Zika infection
2/24/2016	PENTAX updates duodenoscope reprocessing instructions
2/24/2016	Baxter recalls sodium chloride irrigation solution
2/24/2016	CMS provides guidance on compliance with IQR sepsis/septic shock measure
2/17/2016	CDC interventions show sustained success for outpatient hemodialysis infection prevention
2/17/2016	Fagron recalls suspending agents due to microbial contamination
2/17/2016	Cook Medical recalls central venous catheters
2/10/2016	President releases budget proposal for FY 2017
2/10/2016	Videos of CMS LTCH Quality Reporting Program training now available
2/10/2016	NHSN training to be available through live webstreaming
2/10/2016	APIC endorses the Preventing Superbugs and Protecting Patients Act
2/10/2016	CDC posts 2016 NHSN Patient Safety Component manual revisions
2/10/2016	CDC issues guidance on transporting Ebola patients

**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/](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:

2/26,2016

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./Rule	Topic / Comments
	2/17/165	Proposed Rule Amendments	25 TAC §§97.11-97.12	Proposes amendments to §97.11 and §97.12, concerning the communicable disease exposure and testing of emergency response employees or volunteers.

**Highlights, Proposed Amendments Concerning Communicable Disease Exposure and testing of emergency response employees or volunteers 25 TAC §§97.11 - 97.12**

- The amendments are necessary to comply with Senate Bill (SB) 1574 which passed in 2015.
- replace the terms "emergency medical service employee, peace officer, detention officer, county jailer, or fire fighter" and "emergency responder" with "emergency response employee or volunteer

- define "designated infection control officer" and grant these individuals the ability to receive notice of exposure and positive or negative test results
- revise the list of diseases and criteria which constitute exposure to include "any other reportable disease or a disease caused by a select agent or toxin identified or listed under 42 C.F.R. §73.3, if there has been an exposure via the usual mode of transmission of that disease as determined by the department or the local health authority."
- allow an emergency response employee or volunteer entity's designated infection control officer to determine if a risk of exposure to a notifiable condition has occurred in compliance with SB 1574
- 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.
- add the rule reference to §97.11(c)(6) which states "any other reportable disease or a disease caused by a select agent or toxin identified or listed under 42 C.F.R. §73.3..." as notifiable conditions that constitute exposure for possible testing of an emergency response employee or volunteer in compliance with SB 1574

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