

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee
November-December 2019**

APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2019)

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11/15/2019	Protect Healthcare Funding. Contact your Congressional members today. https://cqrcengage.com/apic/app/onestep-write-a-letter?0&engagementId=498282
11/15/2019	AHRQ Releases Hospital Antibiotic Stewardship Toolkit https://www.ahrq.gov/antibiotic-use/acute-care/index.html
11/15/2019	CDC Issues Alert about Legionella Risk from Hot Tub Displays https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00422.asp
12/4/2019	CDC Offering Free Webinar on Dialysis Care: The CDC and the Making Dialysis Safer for Patients Coalition are offering a free webinar, "Bloodstream Infections, Wall Boxes, and Lessons Learned" on Tuesday, December 10, at 1-2 pm ET. Continuing Education Units are available. Register for the Webinar.

Texas Register (2019)

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

Key: X Pending

Last Review

Completed: 11/29/2019

Current Search Parameters for Review:

25 TAC: Chapters 2, 97, 133, 135, 200
30 TAC: Chapter 330; Subchapter Y

X	Date Filed	Action	Title/Ch./Rules/SB /HB	Topic / Comments
	8/26/19	Proposed	25 TAC §§200.1 - 200.6	Rule amendment to comply with S.B. 384. The new law alters the list of HAIs that health care facilities must report to DSHS by removing the language outlining the specific medical procedures required for HAI reporting by facility type, and replacing it with a requirement for all health care facilities to report the list of HAIs that the CMS require facilities participating in the Medicare program to report. These changes have the effect of aligning state reporting requirements with federal CMS reporting requirements. In reference to NHSN, the rule eliminates the wording "or its successor."
	3/29/19	Adopted	25 TAC §133.50	Requires that a hospital provide a patient the opportunity to designate a caregiver to receive aftercare instructions on admission or before the patient is discharged or transferred to another facility. Also outlines the hospital's responsibility to document information, in the patient's medical record, regarding the designated caregiver or the patient's declination to designate a caregiver.

	1/18/19	<i>Signed by Governor</i>	S.B. No. 384	<p>Effective 9/1/19. For HAIs occurring on or after 1/1/2020 Expands what HAIs must be reported by hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to the Texas Department of State Health Services. A hospital or ambulatory surgical center must report each HAI to the Texas Department of State Health Services regardless of the facility's participation in Medicare. The legislation would also require the pathogen to be identified if the infection is laboratory confirmed. https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=86R&Bill=SB384</p>
X	2/4/19	<i>Referred to Human Services committee (2/27/19)</i>	HB 1360	<p>Relating to prevention of communicable diseases in certain long-term care facilities. https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=86R&Bill=HB1360</p>
	2/14/19	<i>Signed by Governor</i>	HB 1848	<p>Effective 9/1/19 Companion to HB 1360 – relating to prevention of communicable diseases in certain long-term care facilities. https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=86R&Bill=HB1848</p>
X	1/10/19	<i>Left pending in committee (4/23/19)</i>	SB 329	<p>Relating to requirements for and the transparency of epidemiological reports and certain immunization exemption information and reports. The dept shall prepare & submit “(1) report of outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases in this state; and (2) de-identified immunization exemption information, including the number of persons claiming an exemption from the immunization requirements”</p>
X	2/7/19	<i>Referred to Public Health 2/27/19</i>	HB 1490	<p>Relating to claiming an exemption from required immunizations for public school students. “The department may not maintain a record of the number of affidavit forms submitted or the names of individuals who submit [request] an affidavit form under this section.”</p>

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