

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee
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APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2019)

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9/25/19	President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) relating to influenza vaccines. Calling influenza a national security and public health priority, the EO establishes a National Influenza Vaccine Task Force, co-chaired by the Secretaries of Defense and Health and Human Services. It also directs federal agencies to modernize and expand production of influenza vaccines and promote vaccination according to CDC recommendations
10/2/19	Tune in to APIC's new podcast, 5 Second Rule! The series features conversations with APIC members talking about vaccine myths, antibiotic stewardship, foodborne illness, and personal stories about HAIs. The 5 Second Rule showcases the work of IPs and familiarizes the public and other healthcare workers with important safety information.
10/2/19	Read about important NHSN updates in the September NHSN eNewslettter. Updates include a request for beta testers for the NHSN 9.4 release, Patient Safety Component and Outpatient Procedure Component manual changes for 2020, HAI and POA Worksheet Generator, CLABSI event data cleaning, pathogen code updates, and NHSN training updates. Read the September NHSN eNewsletter.
10/9/19	DHHS Supporting New Ebola Treatment The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is providing support and expertise to Ridgeback Biotherapeutics to manufacture an investigational treatment for Ebola virus disease. The therapeutic is currently being offered to Ebola patients in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as part of a clinical trial co-sponsored by the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the Congo National Biomedical Research Institute and being coordinated by the World Health Organization. Read more.
10/16/19	The U.S. FDA approved marketing of the OraQuick Ebola Rapid Antigen diagnostic test for Ebola Virus Disease (EVD). The OraQuick Ebola Test is intended for use in patients suspected of and with symptoms consistent with EVD. It may also be used in recently deceased individuals suspected to have died from EVD to inform decisions on safe handling of cadavers. This test is not intended for general Ebola infection screening or testing individuals at risk of exposure. Read FDA news release.
10/16/19	The U.S. FDA announced that Innoveix Pharmaceuticals is voluntarily recalling all sterile compounded drug products due to lack of sterility assurance. The affected products are injectable Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (HCG) and injectable Sermorelin with GHRP2. Read FDA safety alert.
10/23/19	The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published the final rule that combines proposed revisions to Medicare hospital and critical access hospital Conditions of Participation (CoPs), the proposed 2018 regulatory burden reduction rule, and revisions to the 2017 Emergency Preparedness final rule. Read more.

Texas Register (2019)

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

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X	Date Filed	Action	Title/Ch./Rules/SB /HB	Topic / Comments
	8/26/19	<i>Proposed</i>	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	<i>Adopted</i>	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	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
X	2/4/19	<i>Referred to Human Services committee (2/27/19)</i>	HB 1360	Relating to prevention of communicable diseases in certain long-term care facilities. https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=86R&Bill=HB1360
	2/14/19	<i>Signed by Governor</i>	HB 1848	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
X	1/10/19	<i>Left pending in committee (4/23/19)</i>	SB 329	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”
X	2/7/19	<i>Referred to Public Health (2/27/19)</i>	HB 1490	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.”

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