

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC)
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NATIONAL ISSUES

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APIC Public Policy (2015)

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APIC E-News (2015)

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

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| 1/16/15 | National and state HAI progress reports released. |
| 1/28/15 | HHS sets timeline for tying healthcare payment to quality. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has set a timeline for tying Medicare payment to quality and coordination of care, and away from the current model of payment based on volume of care. |

Texas Register (2015)

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

Last Review Completed: 1/30/2015

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 |
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| | 1/18/15 | Adopted | 25 TAC §§200.1 - 200.4, 200.6 - 200.8 | Adopted amendments to §§200.1 - 200.4 and §§200.6 - 200.8, concerning the reporting of preventable adverse events and healthcare associated infections. State law requires the Department of State Health Services compile and make available to the public a summary of health care facilities that reported preventable adverse events by placing this information on the Department's website. The Department is required to make available to the public a report that includes types of preventable adverse events by facility including the number of deaths or severe harm that resulted while being cared for in a health care facility. |
| X | 1/16/2015 | Proposed | 25 TAC §97.63 | Re: immunization requirements in Texas elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education. |

84th Texas Legislature Regular Session (2015)

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>

Last Review Completed: 2/4/2015

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| Current # Bills reviewed: | 44 |
| Current # Bills followed: | 4 |

Key: X Following Bill
D Duplicate/Companion Bill filed elsewhere

| X | HB/ SB | Bill # | D | Author(s) | Date Filed | Last Action | Comments |
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| X | HB | 50 | | Martinez | 11/20/14 | Filed | Relating to certain diseases or illnesses suffered by firefighters and EMTs. Presumes that firefighters or emergency medical technicians who contracted AIDS, HIV, Hep B, Hep C, or MRSA did so through the course of employment under certain conditions of exposure. For MRSA, presumed if while on duty the firefighter or emergency medical technician responded to an event involving documented exposure to methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus. |
| X | HB | 611 | | Davis | 1/6/15 | Filed | Relating to reporting requirements concerning Ebola virus disease. |
| X | SB | 355 | | Nelson | 1/26/15 | Referred to HHS 2/2/15 | Relating to control measures for an individual exposed to a communicable disease. |
| X | SB | 373 | 938 | West | 1/26/15 | Referred to HHS 2/2/15 | Would allow the Department of State Health Services to require a hospital that has been found to have committed a violation that resulted in a potentially preventable adverse event, to develop and implement a plan approved by the Department that would address the deficiencies that may have contributed to the potential adverse event. Related to HB 938 filed by Rose. |

Texas HAI/PAE Reporting Resources:

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

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