

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee  
Sept 2018**

**APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2018)**

<http://cqrcengage.com/apic/home>

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

8/8/2018	Under the President’s budget recommendation, AHRQ would be merged with the National Institutes of Health (NIH). This proposed merger of departments will put AHRQ’s research at risk. Contact your members of Congress and ask them to <a href="#">Support AHRQ Funding</a>
8/8/2018	Contact your Members of Congress and tell them to support funding for important infection prevention programs. <a href="#">Infection Prevention and Patient Safety</a>
8/8/2018	Urge your Members of Congress to <a href="#">Protect the Prevention and Public Health Fund</a>
8/8/2018	AuroMedics Pharma LLC is voluntarily recalling two lots of Piperacillin and Tazobactam for injection due to the presence of particulates identified as glass and silicone material in some single-dose vials. Read the <a href="#">FDA safety alert</a> for more information
8/8/2018	CMS is reissuing Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Provider Preview Reports due to errors. Corrected DTC data is available for preview to LTCHs via their CMS CASPER system folders until August 31, in advance of public reporting for the September 1 LTCH Compare refresh. See the <a href="#">LTCH access instructions</a> for accessing preview data. Inquiries regarding the reports should be directed to <a href="mailto:LTCHPRquestions@cms.hhs.gov">LTCHPRquestions@cms.hhs.gov</a> .
8/10/2018	CMS has finalized their new rules regarding the FY19 Inpatient Prospective Payment System/Long-Term care Hospital Payment System (IPPS/LTCH), the FY19 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities Prospective Payment System (IRF PPS) and the FY19 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS). To help members better understand the impact of these changes, <a href="#">APIC has put together a summary of the new final rules</a> .
9/4/2018	HelloLife, Inc. in Grand Rapids, MI is initiating a voluntary recall of four different products, Neuroveen, Respitol, Thyroveev and Compulsin, due to possible microbial contamination. Neuroveen has been tested and found to be contaminated with <i>Staphylococcus saprophyticus</i> and <i>Burkholderia cepacia</i> . Compulsin has been identified as containing <i>Burkholderia cepacia</i> . Respitol and Thyroveev are still pending bacterial identification. Each product being recalled is for a single lot that was packaged into 2-ounce amber bottles that were manufactured at the King Bio facility in Asheville, NC. Read the <a href="#">FDA safety alert</a>
9/4/2018	BioMerieux is recalling the VITEK 2 Gram Positive Cefoxitin Screen and VITEK 2 Gram Positive AST for Oxacillin because of false negative or false susceptible, respectively, results for some strains of methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA). Gram Positive AST Cards are reagent cards used with the BioMerieux VITEK 2 and VITEK 2 Compact Systems to identify and conduct antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) of bacteria and yeast. Read the <a href="#">FDA safety alert</a> .
9/4/2018	Product Quest Manufacturing announced its voluntary recall of one lot of CVS Health 12 Hour Sinus Relief Nasal Mist due to a finding of microbial contamination identified as <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> . Out of an abundance of caution, Product Quest has decided to expand the recall to include all lots of nasal products and baby oral gels currently within expiration that were manufactured at the company’s Florida facility. Read the <a href="#">FDA safety alert</a> .
9/4/2018	The FDA is warning the antibiotic Zithromax, Zmax (azithromycin) should not be given long-term to prevent a certain inflammatory lung condition in patients with cancers of the blood or lymph nodes who undergo a donor stem cell transplant. Results of a clinical trial found an increased rate of relapse in cancers affecting the blood and lymph nodes, including death, in these patients. Read the <a href="#">FDA safety alert</a> .

## Texas Register (2018)

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

**Last Review Completed:**

8/31/2018

**Current Search Parameters for Review:**

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

30 TAC: Chapter 330; Subchapter Y

**Key: X Pending**

X	Date Filed	Action	Title/Ch./Rules	Topic / Comments
				No proposed or adopted rules affecting us this month

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