

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

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

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

1/23/19	<p>Educate your Member of Congress about the Flu An estimated 80,000 Americans died from the flu during the 2017-2018 influenza season. Help educate your members of Congress about the dangers of this commonly spread disease. Contact your members of Congress and tell them ways they can help break the chain of infection during this flu season, by sending them a pre-written letter.</p>
1/16/19	<p>CDC Map Shows Federal Investments in AR Today the CDC released new data regarding the investment of FY 2018 Antibiotic Resistance Solutions Initiative (AR Solutions) funding. AR Solutions provides vital investments in the U.S. and abroad to combat antibiotic resistance by increasing support for laboratory and epidemiological expertise and public health innovation. To view how your state benefited from this important funding resource visit the Antibiotic Resistance Investment Map.</p>
1/1/2019	<p>Latest NHSN newsletter: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/newsletters/index.html</p>
12/13/2018	<p>The home healthcare frontier: new study explores nurses' knowledge and attitudes toward infection control</p>
11/27/2018	<p>https://apic.org/For-Media/News-Releases/Article?id=354bd6d1-b90a-423d-a922-b31d46a86ff1</p>
11/27/2018	<p>Stem S. aureus transmission in the OR</p>
10/18/2018	<p>APIC and CDC develop Quick Observation Tools to help prevent HAIs</p>

Texas Register (2019)

<p>http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml</p>		<p>Key: X Pending</p>		
<p>Last Review Completed: 2/1/2019</p>				
<p>Current Search</p>				
<p>Parameters for Review:</p>				
<p>25 TAC: Chapters 2, 97, 133, 135, 200</p>				
<p>30 TAC: Chapter 330; Subchapter Y</p>				
X	Date Filed	Action	Title/Ch./Rules/SB/H B	Topic / Comments
X	1/18/19	<i>Introduced</i>	S.B. No. 384	<p>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.</p>