

DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee
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APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2022-2023)

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5/6/22	The FDA cleared the Spectrum Medical Quantum Heater-Cooler and the compatible Qura Quantum PureFlow Heat Exchangers used to warm or cool a patient during cardiopulmonary bypass procedures. Instead of using water, the Quantum Heater-Cooler device regulates the temperature of a glycol-based heat transfer fluid (HTF), which then enters the compatible PureFlow heat exchangers to ultimately regulate the temperature of a patient’s circulating blood. The Quantum Heater-Cooler’s HTF demonstrated it mitigates the risk of contamination of the device by suppressing the growth of nontuberculous mycobacteria and other bacteria.
6/1/22	FDA/ASPR Extend Shelf-Life for Bebtelovimab The FDA and HHS/ASPR announced the authorization of an extension to the shelf-life from 12 months to 18 months for specific lots of the refrigerated Eli Lilly monoclonal antibody, bebtelovimab, which is currently authorized for emergency use. Read more.
6/8/22	CDC, FDA Sign MOU to Enhance Lab Testing Capacity during PHEs The CDC and FDA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with private sector laboratory organizations to collaborate on enhancing lab testing surge capacity outside of CDC and public health labs before and during public health emergencies (PHE).
6/8/22	Surgeon General Issues Advisory on Healthcare Worker Burnout U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, MD, MBA issued an advisory outlining the causes and effects of healthcare worker burnout. The advisory includes a call to action for all healthcare stakeholders to work together to provide a healthcare system that protects those who protect the public. Read more.
6/16/22	APIC submitted comments to CMS on proposed rules updating Medicare payment programs for acute care hospitals, long-term acute care hospitals, cancer hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and skilled nursing facilities. Among positions taken by APIC are support for continuing the measure suppression policy implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic, support for new NHSN digital HAI measures but at a later date, and support for a new SNF HAIs Requiring Hospitalization measure. APIC also provided input on overarching principles for measuring equity and healthcare Quality disparities. Read APIC’s full comments on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY 2023 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System and Long-Term Care Payment System (IPPS/LTCH) (submitted June 17) – this includes updates for acute care, LTACH, and cancer hospitals. • FY 2023 Inpatient Rehab Facility PPS (IRF PPS) (submitted May 31), and • FY 2023 Skilled Nursing Facility PPS (SNF PPS) (submitted June 10).
6/21/22	Following FDA authorization, the CDC recommended COVID-19 vaccination for children ages 6 months and older with the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines. The Pfizer vaccine is administered in a three-dose series and the Moderna vaccine is administered in a two-dose series. Immunocompromised children may need additional doses for optimal protection. Learn more.
6/28/22	NIOSH Phases Out PHE PPE NIOSH is phasing out respirator approvals granted during the public health emergency (PHE) in 2020. These obsolete FFRs and PAPRs, easily recognized by the “PH” included in the approval number, are no longer permitted to be manufactured, but can continue to be sold, used, and recognized as NIOSH-approved until the approval is revoked or rescinded. When the COVID-19 PHE ends, NIOSH approval will be revoked and these respirators will no longer be recognized as NIOSH-approved. Read more.
6/30/22	6/29/22 -- CMS issued updated guidance on minimum health and safety standards that long-term care (LTC) facilities must meet to participate in Medicare and Medicaid. CMS memorandum QSP-22-19-NH provides revisions to surveyor guidance for Phases 2 and 3 of the LTC requirements, which will

become effective October 24, 2022. Requirements for Infection Preventionists in LTC facilities are among the significant changes and clarifications. [Read more.](#)

Texas Register (2022-2023)

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

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

X	Date Filed	Action	Title/Ch./Rules/SB/HB	Topic / Comments
	1/26/22	Adopted	TAC25/Chapter 97	The Executive Commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), on behalf of the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), adopts an amendment to §97.7, concerning COVID-19 school exclusion criteria

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