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APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2022-2023)

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8/3/22	<p>CMS Releases IPPS and LTCH PPS Final Rules On August 1, CMS issued FY 2023 Medicare Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (LTCH PPS) final rule. The rule updates Medicare fee-for-service payment rates and policies for inpatient hospitals and LTCHs for FY 2023, as required by the statute. APIC Public Policy staff is currently reviewing the rules and will provide an updated summary. Members interested in learning more can click here. Learn more</p>
8/10/22	<p>HHS Secretary Declares Monkeypox a Public Health Emergency HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra declared the ongoing spread of the monkeypox virus in the U.S. a Public Health Emergency (PHE). As part of the government response, the FDA is exploring new strategies to help get vaccines to affected communities across the country, including using a new dose-sparing approach that could increase the number of doses available, up to five-fold. Read more.</p>
8/17/22	<p>FDA Launches Rumor Control Web Page FDA launched a new Rumor Control web page to provide facts in response to the growing spread of rumors, misinformation, and disinformation about science and medicine that is putting patients and consumers at risk. Learn more.</p>
8/24/22	<p>Propofol Injectable Emulsion Recalled Hospira, Inc., a Pfizer company, is voluntarily recalling one lot of Propofol Injectable Emulsion (containing benzyl alcohol), 100mL Single Patient Use Glass Fliptop Vial; lot EA7470, to the user level due to visible particulates observed in two vials during annual examination of retention samples. Learn more</p>
8/24/22	<p>Transition of COVID-19 Hospital Reporting to NHSN NHSN will assume responsibility for the collection of COVID-19 hospital data in mid-December 2022. No change in reporting is required at this time. CDC/NHSN has established a transition web page to provide important updates, upcoming trainings, and next steps to facilitate the transition. Please note that this information does not apply to Long-term Care Facilities or Dialysis Facilities. It also does not impact Healthcare Personnel (HCP) COVID-19 Vaccination.</p>
8/31/22	<p>FDA Issues EUA for Bivalent COVID-19 Booster The FDA issued emergency use authorization (EUA) for bivalent formulations of the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines. The updated vaccines protect against the original strain of SARS-CoV-2 and the omicron BA.4 and BA.5 variants. The Moderna bivalent booster is authorized for individuals ages 18 and older and Pfizer booster is authorized for individuals ages 12 and older. The CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will meet later this week to advise CDC about updated vaccination recommendations. Read more.</p>
8/31/22	<p>Risk of Monkeypox Transmission Through Fecal Transplant The FDA is informing healthcare providers and patients of the potential risk of transmission of monkeypox virus through fecal microbiota for transplantation (FMT) products. Due to the potential for serious adverse events to occur, FDA has determined that additional protections are needed for any investigational use of FMT, whether used as part of a study under an Investigational New Drug Application (IND) on file with the FDA or otherwise, if it involves stool donated on or after March 15, 2022. FMT may be used to treat <i>C. difficile</i> infection in patients who have not responded to standard therapies. Read more.</p>
8/31/22	<p>CMS Updates ASC Guidance on Infection Control Breaches CMS issued updated surveyor guidance for ambulatory surgical centers that included a clarification related to reporting of infection control breaches that could potentially expose patients to the blood or bodily fluids of another. Learn more.</p>
8/31/22	<p>Nursing Homes May Use Medicaid Funds to Enhance IP Staffing The CMS Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) provided an informational bulletin to notify nursing facilities that Medicaid funds may be used to improve healthcare quality and equity. The bulletin described actions states can implement using existing Medicaid authority to improve care quality, accountability, staffing, safety, and emergency preparedness in nursing care. Among safety issues, the bulletin included strengthening requirements for on-site infection preventionists and integrating pandemic lessons into nursing home requirements. Learn more.</p>

Texas Register (2022-2023)

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

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Current Search Parameters

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

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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