

DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC) – 79th Texas Legislative Session

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FEDERAL ISSUES

- The Guidance on Public Reporting of Healthcare-Associated Infections: Recommendations of the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee was released 02/28/05. To view/download this HICPAC document in its entirety, please go to <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/PublicReportingGuide.pdf>
- “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Fire Safety Requirements for Certain Health Care Facilities; Amendment”. Federal Register/Vol.70/Friday, March 25, 2005/Rules and Regulations, pages 15229 – 15239. 42 CFR Parts 403, 416, 418, 460, 482, 483, and 495. (www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html)

TEXAS ISSUES

Texas Register

- No PENDING-ADOPTED rules with infection control content within past 90 days

79th Texas Legislative Session: Bills Filed with Infection Control Content

- The table below are bills filed with infection control content that may impact the progress/purpose of infection control programs in Texas. Out of 240 bills filed with the words “disease” or “infection” we are currently tracking sixteen.
- Friday March 11, 2005: Deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions other than local bills, emergency appropriations, and bills that have been declared an emergency by the governor. Last day for House Committees to report House Bills is Monday 05/09/05. Last day for Senate Committees (?) to report Senate Bills is 05/17/05 or 05/18/05.

(Status of bills with infection control content under “Last Activity” as of 03/28/05*

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
HB 162 (McCall)	Ref to Public Health 01/31/05; ^ PH 02/23; Passed 03/17; to Senate 03/21	Relating to notifying certain providers of emergency care of possible exposure to certain reportable diseases (public citizens).
HB 1316 (Zelder)	Ref to Public Health 02/21; PH 03/31	Relating to immunization requirements for children in regulated child-care facilities.

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
HB 734 (Davis)	Ref to Public Health 02/09/05	Relating to infection rates at health-care facilities.
SB 357 (Van de Putte)	Ref to Hlth & Human Services 02/15/05	Relating to infection rates at hospitals; providing a civil penalty.
HB 738 (Nixon)	Ref to Civil Practices 02/09/05 PH 02/23; Passed House 03/23	Relating to updating citations to Chapter 74, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, In Chapter 81, Health & Safety Code (EMS) – Does not impact us, as this is more a reporting/compensation change.
HB 1845 (Truitt)	Ref to Public Health 03/14/05	Relating to the establishment of an advisory panel to conduct a study on the reporting of health care associated infection rates and process measures.
SB 609 (Nelson)	Ref to Hlth & Human Services 03/01; PH 03/08; Placed on Intent Calendar 03/23	Relating to the establishment of an advisory panel to conduct a study on the reporting of health care associated infection rates and process measures.
HB 1492 (Naishtat)	Filed 02/22/05; Ref to Public Health 02/28	Relating to work-related exposure to a reportable disease (correctional facility employee, volunteer, contractor other than a correctional officer).
SB 665 (Barrientos)	Filed 02/23/05; Ref to Criminal Justice 03/02	Relating to work-related exposure to a reportable disease (correctional facility employee, volunteer, contractor other than a correctional officer).
HB 2224 (Isett)	Filed 03/07/05' Ref to Insurance Committee 03/14	Relating to consumer access to health care information and consumer protection for services provided by or through hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers; providing penalties ... "infection rate" included
SB 1738 (Duncan)	Filed 03/11/05	Relating to consumer access to health care information and consumer protection for services provided by or through hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers; providing penalties ... "infection rate" included
HB 1969 (Coleman)	Filed 03/03/05; Ref to Public Hlth 03/21; PH 03/30	Relating to the immunization of elderly persons by certain health care facilities (includes hospitals)
HB 3272 (Strama)	Filed 03/11/05; Ref to Public Hlth 03/21	Relating to testing deceased persons for communicable diseases after an accidental exposure of certain persons.

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
SB 316 (Lucio)	Filed 02/01/05; Ref to Hlth & Human Services 02/07; Passed 03/21; Forward to House 03/22; Ref to Public Hlth 03/23	Relating to information provided to parents of newborn children ... includes immunization schedules per Texas state law.
SB 1124 (Hinojosa)	Filed 03/08/05; Ref to Hlth & Human Services 03/21	Relating to a toll-free number for reporting communicable diseases
SB 1773 (Duell)	Filed 03/11/05	Relating to immunization requirements for children in regulated child-care facilities.

* Go to www.capitol.state.tx.us/ to view content of bills filed

^ Scheduled for Public Hearing (PH)