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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>
- CMS lifted the prohibition on placement of alcohol-based hand rub dispensers in egress corridors per 05/25/05 publication in the Federal Register. Access this document at www.gopaccess.gov/fr/index.html or via national APIC website at http://www.apic.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=About_the_issue2&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentFileID=1960

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.
- Shaded areas are bill that have been signed into law and are effective 06/01/05

(Status of bills with infection control content under “Last Activity” as of 06/01/05*

Bill Name	Last Activity	Summary of Content
HB 162 (McCall)	Signed by Governor 05/30/05; Effective 09/01/05	Relating to notifying certain providers of emergency care of possible exposure to certain diseases (detention officer, county jailer, public citizens). NOTE: There will eventually be rules published in the Texas Register for this.
HB 1316 (Zelder)	Ref to Public Health 02/21; Sent to Governor 05/24/05	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; Left pending in committee 05/04	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; Signed by Governor 05/24/05; Effective 09/01/05	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) ↓ SB 872	Ref to Hlth & Human Services 03/01; ^ PH 03/08; Died on House Floor & then attached as <u>amendment to SB 872</u> ... 05/30 Report Enrolled	Relating to the establishment of an advisory panel to conduct a study on the reporting of health care associated infection rates and process measures. <u>SB 872</u> : Relating to a study regarding the impact of niche hospitals on other general hospitals, to certain reports and disclosure requirements regarding niche hospitals, and 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 wording attached to this)
HB 1492 (Naishtat)	Filed 02/22/05; Ref to Public Health 02/28; Committee report sent to Calendars 05/04	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; Sent to Governor 05/24	Relating to work-related exposure to a reportable disease (correctional facility employee, volunteer, contractor other than a correctional officer). NOTE: There will eventually be rules published in the Texas Register for this.
HB 2224 (Isett)	Filed 03/07/05 Ref to Insurance Committee 03/14; PH 04/07; No action taken	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

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SB 1738 (Duncan)	Filed 03/11/05; Ref to State Affairs 03/30; several PH with amendments; Committee Rpt to calendar 05/19	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 (“infection rate” language removed with amendment).
HB 1969 (Coleman)	Filed 03/03/05; Ref to Public Hlth 03/21; PH 03/30; Committee Substitute 04/14 Reported Favorable; Sent to calendar 04/26	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.
SB 316 (Lucio)	Filed 02/01/05; Ref to Hlth & Human Services 02/07; Sent to Governor 05/25	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; Ref to Health & Human Services 03/30	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)