

## APIC-DFW Government Affairs Committee (GAC)

### July 2006 Report

#### TEXAS REGISTER ACTIVITY (All sent out by e-mail broad cast earlier in July)

- ? 07/14/06: *ADOPTED* rule changes, on pages 5626 – 5628. TITLE 25. HEALTH SERVICES. PART 1. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES. CHAPTER 96. BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS. This applies to ‘non-OSHA bound healthcare facilities’ and has minor changes to original rule.
- ? 07/21/06: *PROPSOED* rule changes, on pages 5751 – 5753. TITLE 25. CHAPTER 97. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES. SUBCHAPTER J. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE. Public comment open for 30 days from publication date.
- ? 07/28/06. *PROPOSED* rule changes, on pages 5895 – 5897. TITLE 25. PART 1. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES. CHAPTER 97. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES. SUBCHAPTER B. IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS IN TEXAS ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING. Public comment open for 30 days from publication date.

#### NATIONAL ACTIVITY

- ? A 06/13/06 JCAHO press release announced the addition of an accreditation requirement in 01/01/07, for Critical Access Hospitals, Hospital, and Long Term Care accreditation programs, related to HCW flu vaccination. To access this press release go to <http://www.jointcommission.org/NewsRoom/NewsReleases/> and scroll down to 06/13/06
- ? The AIA (American Institute of Architects) has published its 2006 Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Healthcare Facilities. Their website for further information is <http://www.aia.org/>