

DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC)

May 2008

TEXAS REGISTER: PROPOSED RULE CHANGE 05/23/08:

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

TITLE 25. HEALTH SERVICES

Part 1. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES

Chapter 97. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES: §§97.135 - 97.138, 97.140 - 97.146

Subchapter F. SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES INCLUDING ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) AND HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV): Pages 4075 – 4080.

... Proposed amendments are centered around making this rule more efficient to track statutory requirements, to clarify and update the rules, and to improve readability. Public Comment Period: 30-days past 05/23/08:

NOTE: No Adopted Rules with IP&C content for May 2008

UPDATE on PUBLIC REPORTING of HAI's in TEXAS:

**TWO MOTIONS FROM HAI ADVISORY GROUP
FINALIZED MAY 12, 2008**

1. Motion Made:

This Advisory Panel recommends that the Texas Department of State Health Services establish a system for surveillance and public reporting of healthcare associated infections using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) system as the data collection program, subject to the following requirements:

- Newly allocated and permanent funding for a public reporting system;
- IT infrastructure (including hardware, software) and maintenance;
- Support in the form of new FTEs dedicated to administrative, IT, and infection control expertise in the regions and central office;
- Education, training and clinical support for healthcare based infection control professionals available on a continuing basis; and
- Permanent funding for validation and auditing of data

Motion seconded, and carried.

2. Motion Made:

Contingent on newly allocated and permanent funding for a public reporting system, the data should be presented as state-level aggregate data for the first year of the program (for data validation, evaluation, and analysis purposes), followed by facility level data reporting in the second year.

Motion seconded, and carried.

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