

## DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC) – 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas Legislative Session

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### NATIONAL ISSUES

- REMINDER: Read your weekly APIC E-News for updates on federal issues

### TEXAS ISSUES

TEXAS REGISTER (<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>):

- TITLE 25. HEALTH SERVICES PART 1. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES CHAPTER 97. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES noted amendments concerning immunization requirements in Texas elementary and secondary schools, as well as statewide immunization of children, were adopted as of July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### TEXAS HAI/PAE REPORTING RESOURCES

- Be sure and check the websites below at least monthly for updated information on facility requirements and/or sign up for e-mail updates.

Texas HAI Homepage: [http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/infection\\_control/HAI/](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/infection_control/HAI/)

Texas HAI Reporting Information:

[http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/infection\\_control/HAI/Reporting/](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/infection_control/HAI/Reporting/)

- **HAI Reporting Start Date: October 1, 2011**  
Mandatory HAI reporting will begin **October 1, 2011**. The initial reporting metrics will be central line-associated bloodstream infections identified in intensive care units and knee arthroplasties performed in hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers. Ventricular shunt procedures are to be reported by pediatric facilities. Additional metrics will be added for reporting in January 2012. Data to be reported will be submitted to NHSN.
- **Conferring Rights to Texas in the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)**  
The Confer Rights Template must be completed by **October 1, 2011** in order to be compliant with Texas Mandatory HAI Reporting. Instructions for Conferring Rights are now available online. There are three templates available in .pdf file format (Pediatric Hospital, Adult General Hospital, and ASC) that walk you through the process.

Senate Bill 7 (SB 7) - amended existing law (SB 288 in 2007 and SB 203 in 2009) on health care-associated infection reporting in Texas. The bill allows for the use of NHSN and eliminates the “rule of 50” alternate reporting.

SB 7 - ARTICLE 8: Adoption of Vaccine Preventable Diseases Policy by Health Care Facilities: Requires health care facilities to develop and implement a system to both offer employee immunizations as well as verify policy compliance. This includes hospital-paid employees, contract employees, and LIPs. The law specifies that rules are to be proposed and adopted no later than June 1, 2012.

Revision to July 2011 GAC Report: The language for reporting deaths was not included in the final version of HB 1 as passed into law during the Special Session. However, please remember that NHSN reporting for CLABSIs and SSIs requires event details include whether the patient died during the hospitalization, as well as if the event “contributed to death.”

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