

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee  
May 2016**

**NATIONAL ISSUES**

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**APIC Public Policy (2016)**

<http://apic.org/Advocacy/Government-Affairs-and-Advocacy>

**APIC E-News Highlights (2016)**

<http://apic.org/Member-Services/Publications/E-News>

4/27/2016	AHRQ-funded study to assess impact of CMS payment programs on HAI rates
4/13/2016	APIC Public Policy Committee visits Congress
4/13/2016	CDC issues new report: Understanding sepsis-related death rates
4/13/2016	AHRQ releases review of <i>C. diff.</i> studies
4/6/2016	Notice of counterfeit N-95 respirators
4/6/2016	Zika policy updates
4/6/2016	ASTHO toolkit to facilitate information exchange during HAI outbreaks
4/6/2016	FDA lacks sterility assurance for Medaus products
4/6/2016	National Quality Strategy celebrates 5-year anniversary

**Texas HAI/PAE Reporting Resources:**

DSHS Healthcare Safety website is currently experiencing issues. Limited content is currently available at [www.dshs.state.tx.us](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us)

**Texas Register (2016)**

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

Last review: 4/29/16

25 TAC: Chapters 2, 97, 133, 135, 200

30 TAC: Chapters 330, Subchapter Y

Date	Action	Chapter/Rule	Topic Comment
4/8/2016	Proposed	25TAC § 200.40	Healthcare Safety Advisory Committee (formerly known as HAI/PAE advisory panel). Explains committee membership, tasks, purpose, and costs. This proposed rule is expected to be adopted May 8 <sup>th</sup> . DSHS HAI Texas emailed solicitation for membership letters and applications on 4/13. Applications must be submitted by May 15 <sup>th</sup> .