

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee
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APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2018)

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| 12/17 | Important updates included in December NHSN eNewsletter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New NHSN release management and issues webpage • 2018 NHSN Patient Safety Component Protocol updates • Release of 2017 patient safety facility survey • Changes to CDI LabID event reporting and analysis • New NHSN helpdesk ticketing system • NHSN training updates |
| 1/3/18 | Revisions to NHSN Patient Safety Component Manual: CDC has sent to NHSN users a summary of revisions to the Patient Safety Component Manual that took effect January 1. |
| 1/3/18 | FDA launches new tool to manage antibiotic use: FDA news release |
| 1/3/18 | The upcoming release of the NHSN 8.8.1 application will introduce an updated Agreement to Participate and Consent for current facility users who enrolled in NHSN prior to December 2, 2017. Primary contacts or facility administrators have until April 14, 2018, to agree to the updated form for each component. |
| 1/3/18 | The Joint Commission to increase focus on hand hygiene: as of January 1, any observation by surveyors of individual failure to perform hand hygiene in the process of direct patient care will be cited as a deficiency resulting in a Requirement for Improvement (RFI). |
| 1/3/18 | AHRQ released the Toolkit to Promote Safe Surgery , to help hospitals reduce SSIs and other complications. |
| 1/10/18 | PharMEDium Services is voluntarily recalling certain drug products due to lack of sterility assurance. FDA safety alert . |
| 1/10/18 | AuroMedics is voluntarily recalling one lot of Ampicillin and Sulbactam for Injection because of glass particles found in vials. FDA safety alert . |
| 1/10/18 | AuroMedics Pharma is voluntarily recalling one lot of Linezolid Injection 600mg/300mL flexible bags due to mold in the product. FDA safety alert |
| 1/17/18 | The CDC Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion published three national data reports --- summary of HAI prevention progress and next steps can be found in these reports |
| 1/24/18 | AuroMedics Pharma LLC is voluntarily recalling one lot of Levofloxacin because the product has been found to contain visible particulate matter tentatively identified as mold. Read the FDA safety alert |

Texas Register (2018)

| http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml | | | | |
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| Last Review Completed: | | 1/21/2018 | | |
| Current Search Parameters for Review: | | | | |
| 25 TAC: Chapters 2, 97, 133, 135, 200 | | | | |
| 30 TAC: Chapter 330; Subchapter Y | | | | |
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| X | Date Filed | Action | Title/Ch./Rules | Topic / Comments |
| | 1/12/18 | <i>Adopted</i> | 25 TAC §§97.151 - 97.156 | Update to protocols for providers who administer yellow fever vaccine and issue vaccination certificates for persons who travel to countries outside the United States, and to clarify the rules. |