

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee
March 2018**

APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2018)

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2/7/18	Pentax issued a voluntary recall of all ED-3490TK duodenoscopes in order to replace the forceps elevator mechanism, O-ring seal, and distal end cap, and to update the operation manual to recommend annual maintenance. FDA safety alert.
2/7/18	Kareway Products, Inc., is voluntarily recalling lots of Gericare Eye Wash, Sterile Eye Irrigation Solution, 4 fluid ounces due to potential microbial contamination which compromises sterility. FDA Safety Alert.
2/7/18	As of January 11, 2018, a new convenient way for users to access weekly notifiable disease data is available through the NNDSS website
2/14/18	The FDA is warning that rare but serious allergic reactions have been reported with widely used skin antiseptic products containing chlorhexidine gluconate. FDA safety alert.
2/14/18	President's FY 2019 budget seeks to slash funding for a number of infection prevention and control programs. This includes eliminating the Prevention and Public Health Fund and substantially reducing the CDC budget. Take action now and tell your members of Congress to protect CDC funding.
2/21/18	CDC's Office of Antibiotic Stewardship has launched the first of a four-section web-based training course on antibiotic stewardship. Participants are eligible to receive up to eight hours of free CE for the entire course. Register now.
2/27/17	The FDA, CDC, and American Society for Microbiology (ASM) have released updated protocols for duodenoscope surveillance sampling and culturing. The agencies will hold a webinar to review the protocols on March 22 at 1:00 – 2:30 pm EST. FDA notice for more information and instructions on how to join the webinar.

Texas Register (2018)

http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml				
Last Review Completed:		2/23/2018		
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
	1/17/18	<i>Adopted</i>	25 TAC §§133.41 & 133.163	Updates references to the current food safety rules in the hospital licensing rules, allowing HHSC to enforce food safety violations by licensed hospitals.
	1/31/18	<i>Adopted</i>	25 TAC §§133.201 - 133.210 & 25 TAC §§133.221 - 133.226	Development of initial rules to create the neonatal/maternal level of care designation by March 1, 2018. Development of rules to create a designation program for Centers of Excellence for Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy by March 1, 2018.

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