

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC)
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NATIONAL ISSUES

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

APIC E-News (2014)

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

6/25/2014	APIC comments on proposed inpatient quality programs for rehabilitation and psychiatric facilities. CDC releases Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit
6/4/2014	APIC, HONORreform and SHEA provided input to the FDA on draft guidance on allowable excess volume and labeled vial fill size in injectable drug and biological products.
5/28/2014	APIC supports CMS adoption of updated Life Safety Code.
5/21/2014	APIC provided comments to the National Quality Forum (NQF) on two Care Coordination measures related to the provision of timely information regarding a patient's medical diagnosis and assessment of current state illness/disease/care elements when a patient is transferred. Minnesota bans sale of triclosan.
5/14/2014	CMS revises long-term care single-use device guidance
5/7/2014	CMS releases updated quality reporting regulations

Texas Register (2014)

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

No new points of interest.

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/

Texas HAI Reporting Information:

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/infection_control/HAI/Reporting/

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