

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC)  
May 2015**

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Last Review Completed: 5/20/2015

Key: X :Following Bill  
D: Duplicate / Companion Bill filed elsewhere

Current # Bills followed: 

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X	HB/ SB	Bill #	D	Author(s)	Date Filed	Last Action	Comments
X	HB	50		Martinez	11/20/14	Left pending in committee 4/14/15	Relating to certain diseases or illnesses suffered by firefighters and EMTs. Presumes that firefighters or emergency medical technicians who contracted AIDS, HIV, Hep B, Hep C, or MRSA did so through the course of employment under certain conditions of exposure.
X	SB	355		Nelson	1/26/15	Referred to HHS 2/2/15	Relating to control measures for an individual exposed to a communicable disease.
X	SB	373	938	West	1/26/15	05/20/2015 Signed in the Senate	Would allow the Department of State Health Services to require a hospital that has been found to have committed a violation that resulted in a potentially preventable adverse event, to develop and implement a plan approved by the Department that would address the deficiencies that may have contributed to the potential adverse event. Related to HB 938 filed by Rose.
X	SB	538		Schwertner	2/10/15	5/12/15 H withdrawn from schedule	This legislation would allow the Governor to declare a state of infectious disease emergency and provides that the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) shall issue specific statewide guidelines and procedures for local health and emergency management authorities. The legislation would establish protocols for DSHS to place individuals in quarantine and also allows DSHS to release certain information to first responders.

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X	HB	611		Davis	1/6/15	H Referred to Public Health 2/19/15	Relating to reporting requirements concerning Ebola virus disease.
X	SB	1574	HB 2770; SB 1901	Uresti	3/12/15	5/20/15 H Passed	Would require entities that employ or use the services of an emergency response employee or volunteer to designate an infection control officer to receive and notify providers of a potential exposure to an infectious disease. The infection control officer would also be responsible for investigating, evaluating, and monitoring an exposure incident and follow-up treatment. This legislation would also provide that a hospital or other authorized person release communicable disease test results to the designated infection control officer in the event of accidental exposure to blood or body fluids of a person who dies on the scene or during transport to the hospital.
X	HB	2510	202	Price	3/6/15	04/23/2015 H Recommitted to committee	Relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of State Health Services, the provision of health services in this state, and the regulation of certain health-related occupations and activities. This legislation would abolish the Advisory Panel on Healthcare- Associated Infections and Preventable Adverse Events.
X	SB	277		Schwertner	1/7/15	5/19/15 H Committee report sent to calendars	Relating to certain health-related and other task forces and advisory committees. This legislation would abolish the Advisory Panel on Healthcare- Associated Infections and Preventable Adverse Events -- similar to HB 2510; has moved further in legislative process.
X	HB	2950		Klick	3/9/15	5/20/15 Scheduled for public hearing	Related to creation of a Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response as an advisory board to the Governor, to provide expert, evidence- based assessments, protocols, and recommendations related to state responses to infectious diseases, including Ebola, and a strategic emergency management plan for state and local levels of government.

## **NATIONAL ISSUES**

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### **APIC Public Policy (2015)**

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

### **APIC E-News Highlights (2015)**

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

- African Union and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to create the African Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (African CDC).
- CMS released an advance version of the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) proposed rule. This rule also includes quality reporting measures for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR), Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (VBP), Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction, and Long-Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Programs. Infection-related provisions in this year's rule include a proposal to add to the VBP and HAC Reduction Programs the current IQR extension of CAUTI and CLABSI reporting beyond the ICU to medical, surgical, and medical/surgical wards.
- The deadline for the first Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) report to the CDC/NHSN for CMS payment requirements has been extended to August 15, 2015.
- APIC organized a coalition of 54 diverse organizations to send a letter to Congress supporting funding for healthcare-associated infection and antibiotic resistance prevention programs.

### **Texas HAI/PAE Reporting Resources:**

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

**Texas HAI Homepage and HAI Reporting Information:**

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

## **Texas Register 2015**

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

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**Current Search Parameters for Review:**

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

30 TAC: Chapter 330; Subchapter Y

**Key: X Pending**

X	Date	Action	Title/Ch./Rules	Topic / Comments
				No newly proposed or adopted rules since last report.

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