

DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee August 2015

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>

- The FDA posted on its website materials from a hearing on transmission of infections associated with the use of duodenoscopes in ERCP procedures
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), in collaboration with three academic institutions, launched the National Ebola Training and Education Center
- OSHA announced that it is updating inspection procedures for protecting workers from tuberculosis in healthcare settings
- The APIC Public Policy Committee endorsed the Developing an Innovative Strategy for Antimicrobial Resistant Microorganisms (DISARM) Act,

Texas HAI/PAE Reporting Resources:

Be sure and check the website below 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 Register (2015)

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

Last Review Completed: 8/1/2015

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 new POI

84th Texas Legislature (2015)

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>

Last Review Completed: 8/1/2015

Key: X :Following Bill

D: Duplicate / Companion Bill filed elsewhere

Current # Bills followed:

9

X	HB/ SB	Bill #	D	Author(s)	Date Filed	Last Action	Comments
X	SB	1574		Uresti	3/12/15	Signed by the Governor 6/20/15	Requires 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.
							HB 2770; SB 1901
X	SB	277		Schwertner	1/7/15	Signed by the Governor 6/18/15	Abolishes the Advisory Panel on Healthcare-Associated Infections and Preventable Adverse Events

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