

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee
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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>

9/9/15	APIC provides input to NQF on Patient Safety Measures
9/16/15	APIC provides input on revisions to long-term care requirements
9/16/2015	CDC just released a new resource, The Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship, for nursing homes.
9/23/2015	APIC joins coalition supporting antibiotic, rapid diagnostics bill
9/23/2015	FDA approves Ebola diagnostic device
9/30/2015	September 2015 NHSN e-Newsletter released
9/30/2015	APIC opposes the repeal of the Prevention and Public Health Fund
10/7/2015	CDC and CMS issue joint reminder on adherence to NHSN reporting criteria
10/7/2015	FDA orders surveillance on duodenoscopes
10/7/2015	FDA determines new Tyvek® products equivalent to older versions
10/26/2015	APIC provides input to FDA on healthcare antiseptics
11/4/2015	CMS reporting deadline NOV 15
11/11/2015	CMS instructs surveyors to inspect scope reprocessing procedures; APIC supports antibiotic resistance funding; Annual review shows decline in HAC rate
11/25/2015	CDC releases report to guide state and local HAI policy makers

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: 12/4/2015

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./Rul	Topic / Comments
	10/9/2015	Proposed Rule Amendments	25 TAC §§97.1 - 97.7, 97.13	The purpose of the amendments is to clarify the conditions and diseases that must be reported; clarify the minimal reportable information requirements for the conditions and diseases; and adjust the list of reportable diseases to include diseases and conditions of concern to public health.
	10/16/2015	Adopted Rule Amendments	25 TAC §§97.131 - 97.134, 97.139	The amendments update and clarify the disease reporting rules for STDs, including HIV and AIDS and make the disease reporting process more efficient in Texas. The amendments clarify reporting language, align the reporting rules with recent changes to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) HIV surveillance case definition, and update language to reflect advancements in HIV testing technology.

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