

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee  
Dec 2016/ Jan 2017**

**APIC Public Policy (2016)**

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

Please see the links below to view information on:

11/22/2016	<a href="#">NHSN website updated with 2017 surveillance protocols</a>
	<a href="#">FDA updates information about AERs</a>
	<a href="#">AHRQ releases technical brief on patient safety in ambulatory settings</a>
	<a href="#">CDC provides guidance regarding Zika Virus</a>
	<a href="#">FDA reports recalls due to lack of sterility assurance</a>
	<a href="#">GAO report notes challenges with implementation of drug compounding law</a>

**APIC E-News Highlights (2016)**

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

12/28/2016	Important updates included in December NHSN Newsletter
12/28/2016	Time is running out to spread the word on the new APIC public policy
12/21/2016	New APIC public policy agenda
12/14/2016	Voice for Infection Prevention: Public Policy Agenda
12/14/2016	CDC Winnable Battles Report shows progress in reducing HAI's
12/14/2016	New TJC report on CAUTI NPSG for nursing care
12/7/2016	Busy lame duck session for Congress
12/6/2016	Act now on HAI funding: Congress voting this week on spending bill
11/30/2016	President-elect nominates leaders for HHS and CMS

**Texas HAI/PAE Reporting Resources:**

[www.paetexas.org](http://www.paetexas.org)- Visit the website for updates.

**Texas Register (2016)**

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

Last review: 12/30/16

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

30 TAC: Chapters 330, Subchapter Y

Date	Action	Chapter/Rule	Topic Comment
11/18/2016	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>25 TAC §§97.3, 97.4, 97.13</b>	Proposed amendments concerning the control of communicable diseases. Would provide additional option to report data through a health information exchange. Amendments make language clarifications, and updates the reporting period for Mumps to one day. 30 day comment period. There was initially a provision to expand influenza death reporting, which was not approved after the comment period.

2016-2017 APIC-DFW Governmental Affairs Committee: Stephanie Kreiling, Patti Grant, & Teri Mauldin  
2017 is a legislative year for the state of Texas and begins the 85<sup>th</sup> legislature. We look forward to keeping you updated on legislation affecting infection prevention.