

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee  
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**APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2018)**

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6/20/18	CDC has extended the deadline for NHSN users to complete the new online Agreement to Participate and Consent form to July 9, 2018. The re-consent is accessible only to the NHSN facility administrator or primary contact user and must be completed by all facilities currently enrolled in NHSN. For more information, refer to <a href="#">CDC's FAQs</a> about NHSN Agreement to Participate and Consent. Questions may be directed to the NHSN Help Desk as <a href="mailto:NHSN@cdc.gov">mailto:NHSN@cdc.gov</a> .
6/20/18	The House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies advanced their funding legislation to the full Appropriations Committee. The measure is expected to be heard by the full committee and reduces CDC funding for FY 2019. <a href="#">Contact your members of Congress</a> and tell them to protect key infection prevention programs!
7/11/2018	The FDA is requiring <a href="#">safety labeling changes for fluoroquinolones</a> to strengthen the warnings about the risks of mental health side effects and serious blood sugar disturbances in this class of antibiotics. The new requirement will also make these warnings more consistent across the labeling for all fluoroquinolones taken by mouth or given by injection.
7/11/2018	The FDA announced that Saje Natural Wellness has recalled Splish Splash Gentle Baby Wash because it may contain the bacteria <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> . <a href="#">Read the FDA safety alert.</a>
7/11/2018	After inspectors observed unsanitary manufacturing practices, FDA has requested recalls by two pharmaceutical companies. <a href="#">Ranier's Compounding Laboratory</a> , also doing business as Ranier's Pharmacy and Ranier's RX Laboratory, was ordered to recall all sterile human and animal products and cease sterile operations. BioDiagnostics International was ordered to recall <a href="#">Monsel's Solution</a> (ferric subsulfate 20%), which is distributed by MedGyn Pro
7/25/2018	August 15 deadline for CMS quality reporting programs Please remember that August 15 is the deadline for NHSN reporting for CMS quality reporting programs. See setting-specific <a href="#">reporting requirements</a> .
7/25/2018	If your facility has not yet completed the new online NHSN Agreement to Participate and Consent form do so ASAP. <b>You will not be able to submit data for the August 15 CMS quality reporting deadline until this form has been completed.</b> The re-consent is accessible only to the NHSN facility administrator or primary contact user and must be completed by all facilities currently enrolled in NHSN. For more information, <a href="#">read the CDC's FAQs</a> or email questions to the <a href="#">NHSN Help Desk</a> .
7/25/2018	NHSN beta testers needed CDC is seeking a limited number of volunteers to beta test NHSN 9.2 prior to the full production release. The beta testing will take place October 22–November 2. If you would like to participate, please email <a href="mailto:NHSNBeta@cdc.gov">NHSNBeta@cdc.gov</a>
7/25/2018	King Bio recalls three products due to microbial contamination King Bio is voluntarily recalling four lots of Aquaflores Candida HP9, Lymph Detox, and Baby Teething liquids due to possible microbial contamination. During a routine FDA inspection, the products were found to contain microbial contaminants <i>Pseudomonas breneri</i> , <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> , and <i>Burkholderia multivorans</i> . Read the <a href="#">FDA safety alert</a> .
7/25/2018	CDC launches part 2 of antibiotic stewardship on-line course CDC launched the second in a four-part web-based training course on antibiotic stewardship. Free continuing education credit is available for the course. <a href="#">Register for the course</a> .
7/25/2018	CDC Recall and Contamination Alerts:  <a href="#">Hy-Vee Spring Pasta Salad – Salmonella Infections</a> <a href="#">Fresh Crab Meat - Vibrio Infections</a> <a href="#">Kellogg's Honey Smacks Cereal – Salmonella Infections</a> <a href="#">Pre-Cut Melon – Salmonella Infections</a> <a href="#">Live Poultry in Backyard Flocks – Salmonella Infections</a>
7/31/2018	APIC submitted comments on June 25 to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on the FY 2019 Inpatient Prospective Payment System/Long-Term Care Hospital Payment System (IPPS/LTCH), the FY 2019 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities Prospective Payment System (IRF PPS), and the FY 2019 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS) proposed rules. We have prepared a <a href="#">summary of CMS proposals</a> as well as APIC's responses.

**Texas Register (2018)**

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

**Last Review Completed:**

7/26/2018

**Current Search Parameters for Review:**

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

30 TAC: Chapter 330; Subchapter Y

**Key: X Pending**

X	Date Filed	Action	Title/Ch./Rules	Topic / Comments
X	5/22/2018		25 TAC §133.49; 25 TAC §133.26; 25 TAC §133.54	The proposed amendment concerns reporting requirements for donations of fetal tissue & abortion complications. Hospitals & Ambulatory Surgical Centers that donate human fetal tissue are required to submit an annual report to HHSC that includes the specific type of fetal tissue donated and the institution of higher learning that received the donation by January 31st of the following year; and adds a subsection, which requires hospitals to comply with the abortion complication reporting requirements in 25 TAC Chapter 139. Birthing Centers must also submit an annual report to HHSC concerning fetal tissue donations.

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