

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee
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APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2019)

<http://cqrcengage.com/apic/home>

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

2/5/2019	FDA announced that Smiths Medical is recalling the sterile saline and sterile water products for inhalation due to the potential exposure to infectious agents bacillus infantis and staphylococcus epidermidis because of damage to the containers used to package the finished products.
2/5/2019	FDA is warning compounders not to use glutathione-L-reduced powder distributed by Letco Medical, to compound sterile injectable drugs for patients. Based on reported adverse events, the agency has concerns about potential endotoxins in the product.
2/19/2019	APIC is taking strong steps to advocate for CMS to finalize proposed revisions to the Hospital/CAH Conditions of Participation (CoPs), which include the first update to infection prevention and control requirements since 1986 and includes a requirement for hospitals to establish antibiotic stewardship programs. Without further action, the proposed improvements will expire on June 16, 2019. https://apic.org/Advocacy/Advocacy-Updates/Detail?id=eea3b641-1a5c-4bf9-9d85-2f7ef33cc315
3/6/2019	NHSN Annual Training March 25-29

Texas Register (2019)

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

Key: X Pending

Last Review

Completed: 3/4/2019

Current Search

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Review:

25 TAC: Chapters 2,

97, 133, 135, 200

30 TAC: Chapter 330;

Subchapter Y

X	Date Filed	Action	Title/Ch./Rules/SB /HB	Topic / Comments
X	1/18/19	<i>Referred to Health and Human Services committed 2/14/19</i>	S.B. No. 384	Expands what HAIs must be reported by hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to the Texas Department of State Health Services. A hospital or ambulatory surgical center must report each HAI to the Texas Department of State Health Services regardless of the facility's participation in Medicare. The legislation would also require the pathogen to be identified if the infection is laboratory confirmed.

				https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=86R&Bill=SB384
X	2/4/19	<i>Referred to Human Services committee 2/27/19</i>	HB 1360	Relating to prevention of communicable diseases in certain long-term care facilities. https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=86R&Bill=HB1360
X	2/14/19	<i>Referred to Human Services committee 3/5/19</i>	HB 1848	Companion to HB 1360 – relating to prevention of communicable diseases in certain long-term care facilities. https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=86R&Bill=HB1360

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