

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee
April 2019**

APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2019)

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3/26/2019	The FDA announced that Kingston Pharma, LLC is recalling Lot KL180157 of its 2-fluid ounce (59 mL) bottles of DG™/health NATURALS baby Cough Syrup + Mucus because it has the potential to be contaminated with <i>Bacillus cereus/ Bacillus circulans</i>
3/26/2019	The FDA is working with medical device manufacturers and healthcare facilities to prevent device shortages resulting from the closure or planned closure of large sterilization facilities. State environmental quality agencies in Illinois and Michigan took action against the facilities following reports of unacceptable levels of ethylene oxide in communities surrounding the facilities.
3/26/2019	CDC publishes annual HAI progress report in the CDC Patient Safety Atlas . This details progress made as acute care facilities work toward reducing HAIs.
4/3/2019	Texas Department of State Health Services is planning a Healthcare Safety Conference to be held in late August, date and location yet to be determined. In an effort to provide great speakers with up to date and needed information, please complete this pre-conference survey as soon as possible and no later than April 12, 2019. Please go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BKW6CFK

Texas Register (2019)

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

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330; Subchapter Y

X	Date Filed	Action	Title/Ch./Rules/S B/HB	Topic / Comments
X	1/18/19	<i>Considered in public hearing 4/2/19</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>Pending in committee 3/12/19</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	Reported favorably as substituted 4/2/19	HB 1848	Companion to HB 1360 – relating to prevention of communicable diseases in certain long-term care facilities. https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=86R&Bill=HB1848
X	1/10/19	Referred to HHS 2/7/19	SB 329	Relating to requirements for and the transparency of epidemiological reports and certain immunization exemption information and reports. The dept shall prepare & submit “(1) report of outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases in this state; and (2) de-identified immunization exemption information, including the number of persons claiming an exemption from the immunization requirements”
X	2/7/19	Referred to Public Health 2/27/19	HB 1490	Relating to claiming an exemption from required immunizations for public school students. “The department may not maintain a record of the number of affidavit forms submitted or the names of individuals who submit [request] an affidavit form under this section.”

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