

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee  
July-August 2019**

**APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2019)**

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6/24/2019	Read about important NHSN updates in the <a href="#">June NHSN eNewsletter</a> .
6/6/2019	The FDA approved a new indication for the previously approved drug, Zerbaxa (ceftolozane and tazobactam) for the treatment of hospital-acquired bacterial pneumonia and ventilator-associated bacterial pneumonia (HABP/VABP) in patients 18 years and older. <a href="#">Read more</a> .
6/6/2019	The CDC is expecting a three to ten month nationwide shortage of APLISOL®, a product of Par Pharmaceuticals. APLISOL® is one of two purified-protein derivative (PPD) tuberculin antigens that are licensed by the FDA for use in performing tuberculin skin tests
6/20/2019	The FDA announced that Infusion Options Inc. is voluntarily recalling all lots of all sterile products within expiry to the hospital level. These products are being recalled due to a lack of assurance of sterility. <a href="#">Read the FDA safety alert</a> .
6/19/2019	The FDA is directing healthcare providers to conduct donor screening and MDRO testing of donor stool to protect patients from transmission of life-threatening infections from use of fecal microbiota for transplantation (FMT). Read the <a href="#">FDA safety alert</a> .
7/1/2019	Contact your member of the House of Representatives and tell them to support House Resolution 179, which provides support for the effectiveness and safety of vaccines. <a href="http://cqrcengage.com/apic/app/onestep-write-a-letter?21&amp;engagementId=497844">http://cqrcengage.com/apic/app/onestep-write-a-letter?21&amp;engagementId=497844</a>
7/1/2019	Urge CMS to finalize the proposed revisions to Medicare hospital CoPs and take action on antibiotic stewardship. <a href="http://cqrcengage.com/apic/app/onestep-write-a-letter?18&amp;engagementId=492443">http://cqrcengage.com/apic/app/onestep-write-a-letter?18&amp;engagementId=492443</a>
7/1/2019	The federal budget process is in full swing. The President has requested cutting funding for the Department of Health and Human Services by approximately \$12 billion. Meanwhile the House of Representatives has requested increases in CDC, AHRQ, and NIH funding. Meanwhile, the Senate has just started budget negotiations. Now is the ideal time for APIC members to have their voice heard and contact their Members of Congress! <a href="http://cqrcengage.com/apic/app/onestep-write-a-letter?15&amp;engagementId=498282">http://cqrcengage.com/apic/app/onestep-write-a-letter?15&amp;engagementId=498282</a>

**Texas Register (2019)**

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

**Key: X Pending**

**Last Review**

**Completed: 7/26/2019**

**Current Search Parameters for**

**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
	3/29/19	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>25 TAC §133.50</b>	Requires that a hospital provide a patient the opportunity to designate a caregiver to receive aftercare instructions on admission or before the patient is discharged or transferred to another facility. Also outlines the hospital's responsibility to document information, in the patient's medical record, regarding the designated caregiver or the patient's declination to designate a caregiver.
	1/18/19	<b>Signed by Governor</b>	<b>S.B. No. 384</b>	<b>Effective 9/1/19.</b> <b>For HAIs occurring on or after 1/1/2020</b> 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. <a href="https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=86R&amp;Bill=SB384">https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=86R&amp;Bill=SB384</a>
X	2/4/19	<b>Referred to Human Services committee (2/27/19)</b>	<b>HB 1360</b>	Relating to prevention of communicable diseases in certain long-term care facilities. <a href="https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=86R&amp;Bill=HB1360">https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=86R&amp;Bill=HB1360</a>
	2/14/19	<b>Signed by Governor</b>	<b>HB 1848</b>	<b>Effective 9/1/19</b> Companion to HB 1360 – relating to prevention of communicable diseases in certain long-term care facilities. <a href="https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=86R&amp;Bill=HB1848">https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=86R&amp;Bill=HB1848</a>
X	1/10/19	<b>Left pending in committee (4/23/19)</b>	<b>SB 329</b>	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	<b>Referred to Public Health 2/27/19</b>	<b>HB 1490</b>	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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