

	12/2/19	Adopted	25 TAC §§200.1 - 200.6	Rule amendment to comply with S.B. 384. The new law alters the list of HAIs that health care facilities must report to DSHS by removing the language outlining the specific medical procedures required for HAI reporting by facility type, and replacing it with a requirement for all health care facilities to report the list of HAIs that the CMS require facilities participating in the Medicare program to report. These changes have the effect of aligning state reporting requirements with federal CMS reporting requirements. In reference to NHSN, the rule eliminates the wording “or its successor.”
	3/29/19	Adopted	25 TAC §133.50	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	Signed by Governor	S.B. No. 384	Effective 9/1/19. For HAIs occurring on or after 1/1/2020 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	Referred to Human Services committee (2/27/19)	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
	2/14/19	Signed by Governor	HB 1848	Effective 9/1/19 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	Left pending in committee (4/23/19)	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.”

	3/27/20	Effective 3/27/20- 7/24/20	25 TAC §135.2, §135.26	The Executive Commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) adopts on an emergency basis in Title 25 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 135, Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs), amendments to §135.2 and §135.26, in order to expand ASCs' treatment capabilities and modify current reporting requirements to mitigate issues caused by patient surge due to COVID-19. (complete text was posted in the APIC-DFW GAC section)
	8/18/20	Effective 8/19/20- 12/16/20	25 TAC §417.47	The Executive Commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) adopts on an emergency basis in Title 25 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 417, Agency and Facility Responsibilities, amended §417.47, concerning an emergency rule in response to COVID-19 to ensure necessary state hospital staffing levels and infection control training during the COVID-19 pandemic.
	10/9/2020	Effective 9/25/20- 1/22/21	25 TAC §510.48	Emergency Rule requiring general & psychiatric hospitals to continue ongoing screening of each person entering a facility. Hospitals are required to limit visitors as needed to prevent or control COVID-19-related health & safety risk.

**Prepared by 2020 APIC-DFW Governmental Affairs Committee:
Jasmine Cluck, Heather Kirby, Patti Grant, Stephanie Kreiling, Rachel Watson**