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APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2019-2020)

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	FDA Approves First COVID-19 Treatment The FDA approved the antiviral drug Veklury (remdesivir) for use in adult and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older for the treatment of COVID-19 requiring hospitalization. Remdesivir should only be administered in a hospital or in a healthcare setting capable of providing acute care comparable to inpatient hospital care. Remdesivir is the first treatment for COVID-19 to receive FDA approval.
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10/22/2020	FDA Panel to Meet to Discuss COVID-19 Vaccine The FDA Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research's (CBER), Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) met in open session on October 22, to discuss, in general, the development, authorization and/or licensure of vaccines to prevent COVID-19. Read more.
10/15/2020	FDA Approved First Treatment for Ebola The FDA approved Inmazeb (atoltivimab, maftivimab, and odesivimab-ebgn), a mixture of three monoclonal antibodies, as the first FDA-approved treatment for Ebola virus infection in adult and pediatric patients.
10/13/2020	New CARB National Action Plan Released A federal task force has released the updated National Action Plan on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (CARB) for 2020-2025. The National Action Plan presents coordinated, strategic actions that the U.S. Government will take in the next five years to improve the health and wellbeing of Americans by changing the course of antibiotic resistance.
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Texas Register (2019-2020)

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				Rule amendment to comply with S.B. 384. The new law alters the list of HAIs that health care facilities must report to DSHS
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				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
			25 TAC §§200.1 -	reference to NHSN, the rule eliminates the wording "or its
	12/2/19	Adopted	200.6	successor."
				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
	3/29/19	Adopted	25 TAC §133.50	declination to designate a caregiver.
				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
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		by		be identified if the infection is laboratory confirmed.
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2/27/20	Effective 3/27/20-	25 TAC §135.2,	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
3/27/20	7/24/20	§135.26	the APIC-DFW GAC section) The Executive Commissioner of the Toxas Health and Human
8/18/20	Effective 8/19/20- 12/16/2 0	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.
	Effective		Emergency Rule requiring general & psychiatric hospitals to continue ongoing screening of each person entering a facility.
10/9/2020	9/25/20- 1/22/21	25 TAC §510.48	Hospitals are required to limit visitors as needed to prevent or control COVID-19-related health & safety risk.

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