



In December, we first learned 721 hospitals, including 43 in Texas, with the highest rates of infection would be penalized, as required in the Affordable Care Act” Tyler Morning Telegraph.

Tyler Morning Telegraph report “When someone is admitted into the hospital, the patient counts on personnel to help them get well. However, there is always a chance they can contract an infection while at the hospital.

Most infections can be treated successfully while others may be life-threatening. About 75,000 people die each year from hospital-acquired infections, and these infections cost the country nearly \$10 billion annually.

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The good news is hospitals are making progress in reducing these infections. In Texas, central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI), methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), C. difficile and surgical site infection rates have declined. However, Texas hospitals continue to see higher rates of catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI) than the national baseline.”

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