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Health Reform Implementation, Political Fighting Continue

Two important sets of Affordable Care Act (ACA) regulations were released last week—impacting wellness programs and SHOP exchanges—even as news reports indicate that a new public relations battle over the ACA is just getting underway.

Other highlights include:

- **California** has adopted new performance standards for qualified health plans and made no changes to a **4.4% assessment** on premiums.
- A **Connecticut** bill would require the state's exchange to negotiate premiums with **qualified health plans**.
- **New Hampshire's** state senators are balking at **expanding Medicaid** coverage as the governor supports doing.

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