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## Newsletter

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### Testimony Before House Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

This morning state health exchange directors, **Peter Lee**, Executive Director Covered California; **James R. Wadleigh, Jr.**, Chief Executive Officer Access Health CT; **Jeffrey Kissel**, Executive Director Hawaii Health

Center; **Louis Gutierrez**, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Health Connector; **Allison O'Toole**, Interim CEO MNsure in Minnesota; and **Patrick Allen**, Director Department of Consumer and Business Services State of Oregon are testifying before the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations at a hearing on "ACA Overdue Checkup: Examining the ACA's State Insurance Marketplaces". Subcommittee members will hear testimony regarding the experiences of state officials working with the administration to implement the ACA. [View hearings and testimony here](#).

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### New Brief: A Closer Look at the Oversight of State-based Marketplaces

States operating a State-based Marketplace are subject to comprehensive oversight from numerous federal and state agencies, committees and regulators. To coincide with today's hearing, NASHP released a new [brief](#) that takes a closer look at this oversight and how states are meeting these requirements. See the [full brief here](#).

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### Leveraging state resources to create a culture of health

In our latest [blog](#), we look at how from Alaska to Vermont, there is broad recognition across states that improving health and lowering costs requires policymakers to build links between initiatives aimed at reforming the delivery system and those that address factors outside of traditional health care that extend to work, family, and community life. On October 19,

NASHP will host a [preconference](#) in conjunction with its [annual state health policy conference](#) that focuses on states' efforts to address health in all policies by integrating public health, social services, and delivery and payment systems, and the partnerships needed to make these strategies successful.

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### Money Talks: How SIM Round 1 States Are Reducing Costs

As U.S. health care spending continues to grow every year, the State Innovation Model (SIM), a first-of-its-kind grant that provides a large federal investment to state-led health care reform, aims to address the Triple Aim to improve care, improve population health, and reduce health care costs. Since 2013, six Round 1 test states have been using the \$250 million, five-year grants to accelerate their own state-led, multi-payer health care transformation. See our [latest blog](#) on how these states are reducing costs.

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### Plenary Sessions Announced!

- Monday Opening Plenary: [The Double-Edged Sword of Health Care Integration: Consolidation and Cost-Control](#)  
**Keynote Speaker:** *Erin Fuse Brown, JD, MPH*, Assistant Professor of Law, Georgia State University College of Law
- Tuesday Morning Plenary: [The Next Frontier: Global Budgets and other Strategies to Tackle Health Care Costs](#)  
*See full list of speakers*
- Tuesday Lunch Plenary: [The ACA at 5: What's Next for States](#)  
**Keynote Speaker:** *John McDonough, Ph.D.*, Professor of public health practice at the Harvard School of Public Health
- Wednesday Morning Plenary: Building Healthy Places: Exploring State Policy Levers for Community Development  
**Keynote Speaker:** [Douglas Jutte](#), MD, MPH, Executive Director of the Build Healthy Places Network

[Register Now](#)

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### Looking for ACA implementation information?

Don't forget to check out the wealth of materials available in State Refor(u)m's [resource library](#)—it includes over 5,000 documents, such as reports, state materials and more, and it's searchable by state or topic area. You can post your own resources there as well!

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## One week left to submit applications for learning collaborative on evidence-based policymaking!

Don't forget, applications for NASHP's new learning collaborative, From Engagement to Evidence: Using PCOR and CER to Inform State Policymaking, are due on Wednesday, October 7!

With support from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), NASHP will select three states to participate in this learning collaborative designed to assist states in developing processes to use patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) and comparative effectiveness research (CER) to inform policymaking. Slides and answers to FAQs from our informational webinar are now available with the RFA [here](#). Please email [fheider@nashp.org](mailto:fheider@nashp.org) with any additional questions about this opportunity.

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### National Academy for State Health Policy

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