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### In other news

Don't expect a sudden reprieve to come from above from your new regulatory burdens related to last year's health care reform law. In January, **President Obama** directed the Department of Health and Human Services to identify regulations for streamlining or elimination. Some practices hoped that might apply to the new face-to-face encounter regulations for home health care, which impose unnecessarily burdensome documentation requirements for physicians.

But don't hold your breath. HHS will not be reviewing provisions from the Affordable Care Act law, HHS assistant secretary for planning and evaluation **Sherry Glied** said at a recent House hearing on the president's order. Affordable Care Act rules are too new for review, Glied testified, according to news reports.

See the executive order at

[www.whitehouse.gov/the-pressoffice/2011/01/18/improvingregulation-and-regulatory-reviewexecutive-order](http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-pressoffice/2011/01/18/improvingregulation-and-regulatory-reviewexecutive-order).