



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

# Health Freedom Minute

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## **HIPAA — National Identifiers; National Surveillance**

The 1996 HIPAA law, enacted 25 years ago, required the development of national standards to create a system of integrated electronic medical records nationwide.

One of those standards is a set of national identification numbers. Patients were supposed to be issued unique patient ID cards, but due to public opposition, and the efforts of Congressman Ron Paul, Senator Rand Paul, and our organization, the Unique Patient ID has been stopped for about 25 years. However, this battle rages on.

Doctors and hospitals were also issued tracking numbers, called the National Provider Identifier. This number tracks every health care transaction, and without the number, treatment cannot be ordered. Health plans and insurers also got federal tracking numbers. Clearly, HIPAA does not protect privacy; it set up a national surveillance system.

**“Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996,”** Public Law 104-191, August 21, 1996: <https://bit.ly/3uvutlM>

**“The HIPAA Privacy Rule,”** <https://bit.ly/3wOSe0L>

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