**Take Action - Ask Congress Now**

Congress is in recess and Members won’t return to D.C. until September 9, 2019. Take time now to contact your U.S. Senators and Representatives on these troubling proposals:

### National Patient ID

**What:** The House Appropriations bill repeals the 20-year prohibition against funding and development of a Unique Patient Identifier (UPI; aka National Patient ID), which would be used for tracking of patients and linking of medical records. It would also be required to access medical care – or “no card, no care.”

**Why Oppose:** National ID numbers open the door to national health care and a national medical record system.

**Ask:** Keep the ban on creating a UPI/National Patient ID in place.

### “Lower Health Care Costs” Act

*Senate Bill 1895*, which addresses surprise medical bills, includes two major components:

**a. Surveillance of the Exam Room**

**What:** Creates a massive federal database to regularly collect and store private medical data on all patients (All-Payer Claims Database (APCD)).

**Why Oppose:** Patient data will be sent to the government by insurers and can be shared with “employers, employee organizations, researchers and policymakers.”

**Ask:** Oppose the All-Payer Claims database and delete Section 303 in its entirety.

**b. Federal Price Controls**

**What:** Sets price controls on out-of-network doctors and facilities, forcing them to accept prices set by a government-mandated process (arbitration or benchmarking).

**Why Oppose:** Higher prices, reduced patient access to medical care, and government intrusion in private business. Price controls also advance a single-payer system.

**Ask:** Oppose mandated benchmarking and arbitration. Instead, repeal the Affordable Care Act ban on catastrophic indemnity “go-anywhere” insurance. Let states solve “surprise billing.”

### Genetic Research on Citizens Without Consent

**What:** *H.R. 2507* allows research, including genomic sequencing, on citizens using DNA collected during newborn screening—which is stored by states without parent consent (Sec. 8). It creates a national newborn screening surveillance system (Sec 5).

**Why Oppose:** Citizens become subjects of surveillance and research, starting at birth.

**Ask:** Oppose surveillance system and unconsented research using newborn DNA.