

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.