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Why GOP Interoperability Plans are Bad Idea

Democrats made a mistake when they required every doctor and hospital to have an online-accessible electronic health record – an EHR. They didn’t require EHR companies to share patient data with each other. Now hundreds of EHR companies refuse to freely hook-up to other EHR companies to share patient data. This is actually a privacy protection.

Now some Republicans in Congress want to force private EHR companies to share patient data with each other; essentially to become public utilities. This would help Obama achieve his goal: a national medical records system to impose government-run health care. What are Republicans thinking?