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The DOD and VA Medical Records Boondoggle

It's very difficult to connect medical record systems. Case in point: The Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs have spent \$1 billion trying to connect their two systems. They failed completely. Now the Defense Department is seeking an \$11 billion contract to make it happen. But it's unlikely. The small country of England scrapped their plans for a national EHR system after spending \$16 billion.

Now a bill in Congress proposes to give a \$50 million prize to whomever integrates the two systems. Since it's already proven impossible and enables sweeping privacy violations, why is Congress also trying to mandate a national medical records system for all Americans?

["Pentagon's \\$11 Billion Healthcare Record System Will Be Obsolete Before It's Even Built,"](#) Loren Thompson, Forbes, March 3, 2015.

["Scrapped national EHR program will cost U.K. billions,"](#) Maria Durben Hirsch, FierceEMR, August 26, 2013.

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