Sebelius Lies About Data Collection

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has regularly lied about one thing. No matter what government official is testifying before Congress they always claim that they do not store your data. In a recent Senate Finance Committee, HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius was asked about whether social security numbers are stored. She said enrollment information is stored but not social security numbers.

This is patently false. The Exchanges store a boatload of data in a new federal database called the Health Insurance Exchange Program federal system of records. Social Security Numbers are specifically mentioned in the federal document announcing the database. Why are they lying to Congress?