National Patient ID Still in the Works

At the D.C. health data summit I spoke at, one speaker discussed new attempts to resurrect national patient IDs. She called it a patient matching system. HIPAA requires everyone to have a national patient ID number but 15 years ago, Congressman Ron Paul stopped all funding for its creation. Recently, when ID supporters failed to get a study out of Congress, the national health IT office agreed to do a survey.

The agency may produce a document to push Congress into funding a national patient ID system. This must never happen. Read our “National Patient ID” report and don’t forget to register online for our annual dinner to support health freedom with Michele Bachmann next Friday. See you there!