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$20 billion for Health Surveillance

The $800 billion American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, often called the stimulus, was full of liberal goodies including the mandate that every doctor and hospital buy, install and use electronic health records like the government wants them used or be penalized.

This includes reporting all sorts of private patient data to the government which it can use to say your doctor is a bad doctor just because he refuses to treat you according to government treatment protocols. Thus far, taxpayers have paid $20 billion to install this government health surveillance system. There is no proof that using electronic health records cut costs or bureaucracy and plenty of evidence that the real plan is government control.