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New Jersey Will Assign Residents a State Patient ID

Supporters of a National Patient ID are happy. While a 2017 law prohibits issuing federal unique patient identifiers, it authorizes development of national strategies for patient matching and lifts the 19-year ban on federal funding.

These strategies apparently include state-issued patient IDs that will be used in a national exchange of patient data. New Jersey will use a $2.9 million federal grant to “piece together the health-related details of each person in the state,” combine information in various databases and link to public health databases -- and then “assign a unique identifier to every resident.” Tell Congress to stop the national patient ID.


“eHealth Exchange,” Wikipedia.

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