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Three Violations of Medical Privacy

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase president of Citizens’ Council on Health Care.

This is our fourth day on medical privacy. Today I’ll share just three examples of how extensively it’s being violated.

First, as a result of Governor Pawlenty’s 2008 Health Care Reform Law, your medical records are regularly sent by health plans to the state of Minnesota. Our government now owns your private data. It will be used to financially penalize doctors who fail to follow government-issued treatment protocols.

Second, the stimulus bill requires physicians to buy and use electronic medical records to report data on their patients to the Federal Government or face financial penalties.

Third, ObamaCare requires health plans to report your health outcomes, your fitness and nutrition, and strategies that are being used to keep you well.

On Monday, I’ll discuss how to stop this surveillance. Get more information at healthfreedomminute.net.

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