

Submission on *Healthcare Identifiers Bill 2010*

Issues:

First and foremost is privacy, I work within the Health system and have some idea as to how it truly functions. Privacy is given face validity but that is all.

1. Are law enforcement agencies allow access to the EMR database? If so, as read from a previous draft, law enforcement agencies are more careless with personal information than the Health Department. Remember the Haneef affair.
2. Will law enforcement agencies be allowed to have "friendly" service providers forward information to them? Will such acquired information be accepted as evidence and evidence derived from the original source be accepted in Courts as acceptable evidence?
3. How will the Federal Dept of Health guarantee that no one will be able to hack into the EMR database? Few databases through out the world have NOT been hacked including military. All databases are vulnerable to hackers. Will the Federal Dept of Health provide indemnity to registrants on the database if their personal information has been stolen and they have suffered a personal financial lose? If not, the Dept is not to be trusted.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

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