

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 213

March 16, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER, BOCK, LA FAVE, GRONEMUS, WALKER, MUSSER, ZIEGELBAUER, WASSERMAN, ALBERS, GUNDERSON, BOYLE and BERCEAU, cosponsored by Senator ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Personal Privacy.

1 **AN ACT to create** 146.833 of the statutes; **relating to:** use of social security
2 numbers as medical or health insurance identifiers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits a health care provider or a health insurer from assigning to any patient or insured or enrollee an identification number that is identical to or that incorporates the patient's or the insured's or enrollee's social security number. However, under the bill, a health care provider or health insurer is not prohibited from requiring that the patient or insured or enrollee disclose his or her social security number or from using that number if a federal or state agency requires use of the number in order for the patient or insured or enrollee to participate in a particular program.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 146.833 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **146.833 Use of social security numbers prohibited.** A health care
5 provider may not assign to any patient an identification number that is identical to

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1 or incorporates the patient's social security number. This section does not prohibit
2 the health care provider from requiring a patient to disclose his or her social security
3 number, or from using a patient's social security number if that use is required by
4 a federal or state agency in order for the patient to participate in a particular
5 program.

6 **SECTION 2.** 610.75 of the statutes is created to read:

7 **610.75 Use of social security numbers prohibited. (1)** In this section,
8 "health care plan" has the meaning given in s. 628.36 (2) (a) 1.

9 **(2)** An insurer that provides coverage under a health care plan may not assign
10 to any insured or enrollee under the health care plan an identification number that
11 is identical with or that incorporates the insured's or enrollee's social security
12 number. This section does not prohibit such an insurer from requiring an insured
13 or enrollee to disclose his or her social security number, or from using an insured's
14 or enrollee's social security number if that use is required by a federal or state agency
15 in order for the insured or enrollee to participate in a particular program.

16 **SECTION 3.** 632.725 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 632.725 **(2)** (d) ~~Establish~~ In conformity with the requirements under ss.
18 146.833 and 610.75, establish a uniform statewide patient identification system in
19 which each individual who receives health care services in this state is assigned an
20 identification number. The standardized billing format established under par. (a)
21 and the standardized claim format established under par. (b) shall provide for the
22 designation of an individual's patient identification number.

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(END)