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Patient Identification Update



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CHIME Supports Patient ID Week (May 12-16)

A promotional graphic for Patient ID Week. On the left, a dark blue background features the CHIME logo in white and green, followed by the text "Supports Patient ID Week" in white, "May 12 - 16" in white, and "TAKE ACTION!" in green. On the right, a photograph shows a male doctor in a white coat and a female patient in a blue shirt looking at a tablet together in a clinical setting.

This week, May 12-16, is Patient ID Week! Patient ID Week is sponsored by the Patient ID Now coalition, of which CHIME is a founding member.

We encourage our members and all organizations interested in achieving a nationwide strategy around patient identification to get involved in our advocacy efforts.

Stay informed during Patient ID Week by following the coalition on LinkedIn ([Patient ID Now Coalition](#)) and on X ([@PatientIDN](#)). The coalition's hashtag is #patientIDnow.

Ways to Get Involved:

Support the MATCH IT Act

The Patient ID Now coalition's goal during Patient ID Week is to increase support for H.R. 2002, the Patient Matching and Transparency in Certified Health IT (MATCH IT) Act of 2025, a bipartisan bill that seeks to improve patient matching in healthcare. The MATCH IT Act ([bill text](#); [press release from Rep. Mike Kelly](#)) currently has 9 cosponsors and is endorsed by more than 20 organizations.

- Reach out to your U.S. representative asking them to support the MATCH IT Act [here](#).
- If you think your organization would like to join the growing list of organizations that have endorsed the MATCH IT Act, contact our team at policy@chimecentral.org.

Member involvement is key—your voice strengthens our message and helps shape smarter health IT policy.

Tell Us Your Story

Tell us your story about how you have been affected by the lack of a national strategy around patient identification. Do you work in healthcare and see the effects of patient misidentification? Have you or someone you know been personally misidentified in seeking healthcare? Have your results been misfiled or combined with the record of someone else with a similar name? Is your medical file incomplete because you visited multiple healthcare settings and the information has not been consolidated? Contact our team at policy@chimecentral.org!

Join Our Growing Coalition!

Patient ID Now is a coalition of 50 healthcare organizations, including founding members AHIMA, CHIME, HIMSS, and Intermountain Health, all united in advancing a nationwide strategy to address patient identification through legislation and regulations. We're proud of the broad support behind this effort—and we're just getting started. If your organization is passionate about advancing advocacy on this issue, we'd love to have you onboard. Membership is free, and getting involved is easy. Contact us at policy@chimecentral.org to learn more. Our full list of members can be found [here](#).

Attend Our Congressional Briefing on MATCH IT Act

Three of the founding members of the Patient ID Now coalition – CHIME, AHIMA, and HIMSS – are sponsoring an in-person Congressional briefing tomorrow, May 13th on “The Perfect Match: Solving Patient Misidentification Challenges with the MATCH IT Act.” If you are in the DC area, we would love for you to join us!

Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. ET

Location: 2044 Rayburn House Office Building

Lunch will be served

Opening Remarks:

- Representative Bill Foster (D-IL)

Panelists:

- Moderator: Lauren Riplinger, JD, Chief Public Policy and Impact Officer, AHIMA
- CHIME member Stephen Hughes, Senior Vice President/CTO, CISO, Mary Washington Healthcare
- Megan Prunte, MPH, RHIA, FAHIMA, Director, Person Identity Management, Information Technology, Banner Health
- Calvin Yu, MD, FIDSA, Vice President Medical & Scientific Affairs, North America, Becton Dickinson

Email Cassie Ballard, CHIME's Director of Congressional Affairs, at cballard@chimecentral.org to RSVP for the briefing.

ICYMI: 150+ Organizations Support Removal of Unique Patient

Identifier Ban

Last month, CHIME along with 156 other organizations, sent letters ([House](#); [Senate](#)) to House and Senate Appropriators requesting the removal of Section 510 in the Fiscal Year 2026 Labor-HHS appropriations bill.

Section 510, which has been in every appropriations bill since 1999, prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from spending federal dollars to promulgate or adopt a unique health identifier for individuals. Narrow interpretation of this language has led to the failure to institute a nationwide patient identification strategy.

Thank you to our members and Foundation Firms who signed their organizations onto this letter! This is the largest group of supporters for this issue to date. Your help in advocacy like this truly makes a tangible difference in shaping policies and improving healthcare outcomes.

Additional Patient ID Resources

- [Patient ID Now Coalition Website](#)
- [The Impact of Patient Misidentification- Real Life Examples](#)
- [CHIME Press Release on the MATCH IT Act](#)



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