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# H. R. 1509

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to prohibit the inclusion of Social Security account numbers on Medicare cards.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas (for himself and Mr. DOGGETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Identity  
5 Theft Prevention Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF INCLUSION OF SOCIAL SECURITY**  
7 **ACCOUNT NUMBERS ON MEDICARE CARDS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 205(c)(2)(C) of the Social  
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(C)) is amended by add-  
10 ing at the end the following new clause:

1       “(xi) The Secretary of Health and Human Services,  
2 in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Security,  
3 shall establish cost-effective procedures to ensure that a  
4 Social Security account number (or any derivative thereof)  
5 is not displayed, coded, or embedded on the Medicare card  
6 issued to an individual who is entitled to benefits under  
7 part A of title XVIII or enrolled under part B of title  
8 XVIII and that any other identifier displayed on such card  
9 is easily identifiable as not being the Social Security ac-  
10 count number (or a derivative thereof).”.

11       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

12           (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by  
13 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to Medicare  
14 cards issued on and after an effective date specified  
15 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, but  
16 in no case shall such effective date be later than the  
17 date that is 24 months after the date of the enact-  
18 ment of this Act.

19           (2) REISSUANCE.—In the case of individuals  
20 who have been issued such cards before such effec-  
21 tive date, the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
22 ices—

23                   (A) shall provide for the reissuance for  
24                   such individuals of such a card that complies

1 with such amendment not later than 3 years  
2 after such effective date; and

3 (B) may permit such individuals to apply  
4 for the reissuance of such a card that complies  
5 with such amendment before the date of  
6 reissuance otherwise provided under subpara-  
7 graph (A) in such exceptional circumstances as  
8 the Secretary may specify.

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