

Helping our members protect the public
from medical identity theft



October 22, 2015

The Honorable Mark Kirk
524 Hart Office Building
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Marco Rubio
284 Russell Office Building
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Industry Support of Medicare Common Access Card Act of 2015 (S. 1871)

Dear Senator Kirk and Senator Rubio:

The members of the Medical Identity Fraud Alliance (MIFA) are pleased to support the *Medicare Common Access Card Act of 2015 (S. 1871)*. Your legislation, which would create a pilot program to test the use of a smart card in Medicare, represents an important step towards securing the Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and Protected Health Information (PHI) of Medicare beneficiaries.

Medical identity theft and fraud exert enormous pressure on our healthcare and financial ecosystems. MIFA's mission is to strengthen the healthcare ecosystem by working to reduce the frequency and impact of medical identity fraud. MIFA members are dedicated to building robust prevention and resolution mechanisms to combat this growing epidemic.

We believe that smart card technology is a viable preventative solution with significant potential to protect and secure Medicare beneficiaries' PII and PHI.

At its core, combating medical identity fraud is about protecting beneficiaries from financial and physical harm.

MIFA's members are healthcare providers, health plans and business associates who provide valuable identity management and other related technology or services to the healthcare sector. A full member roster is available at <http://medidfraud.org/membership/members-and-strategic-partners/>.

We look forward to working with you on this important issue. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 703-407-0958 or ann@medidfraud.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ann Patterson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A'.

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