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# H. R. 6399

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Social Security account numbers on Medicare cards.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HODES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to prohibit  
the display of Social Security account numbers on Medi-  
care cards.

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 Card Secu-  
5 rity Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF THE DISPLAY OF SOCIAL SECUR-**  
2 **RITY ACCOUNT NUMBERS ON MEDICARE**  
3 **CARDS.**

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

7 “(x) The Commissioner of Social Security and the  
8 Secretary of Health and Human Services jointly shall es-  
9 tablish cost-effective procedures to ensure that a social se-  
10 curity account number (or any derivative thereof) is not  
11 displayed on the Medicare card issued to an individual who  
12 is entitled to benefits under part A of title XVIII or en-  
13 rolled under part B of title XVIII.”

14 (b) FUNDING.—Notwithstanding any other provision  
15 of law, of the amounts appropriated for administrative ex-  
16 penses of the Department of Health and Human Services  
17 for fiscal years beginning with fiscal year 2008, such sums  
18 as are necessary to carry out the amendment made by sub-  
19 section (a) shall be available from such amounts for such  
20 purpose.

21 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
22 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to Medicare cards  
23 issued on and after the date that is 1 year after the date  
24 of the enactment of this Act.

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