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**OFFICIAL AHIMA STATEMENT**

***AHIMA responds to recent language related to the Labor-HHS  
appropriation bill, shared by appropriators***

“We are pleased that the appropriators have included report language that will continue to propel the conversation forward about patient identification. In particular, we are heartened by the inclusion of language that directs ONC to submit a report to Congress within one year that evaluates the effectiveness of technical and operational methods that improve identification of patients. Patient identification is about enhancing data integrity and improving patient safety—this will continue to be a priority for AHIMA and we look forward to working with our fellow stakeholders and federal partners to address this critical issue.”

Wylecia Wiggs Harris  
AHIMA CEO, PhD, CAE

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