Fighting Insurance Fraud through Patient Identity Authentication

**PROBLEM:** Insurance payers need new ways to prevent phantom billing and member fraud. While payers have adopted big data analytics and other tools to identify irregularities after claim submission, fraud is best prevented at the provider’s office—before it occurs.

**SOLUTION:** SRI’s Biometric-Embedded Tablet for Healthcare Provider Operations

SRI’s iris biometric-embedded tablet can incorporate seamless identity authentication with precise claim processing solutions—such as BioClaim™—on a single Android® platform. This combination provides a powerful tool to protect patients, providers and payers from member fraud (when someone uses a stolen identity to receive treatment) while combating phantom billing (when providers bill insurance payers for non-existent patients). According to the FBI, these crimes are part of an $80 billion challenge, or three percent of total U.S. healthcare spend.

**Healthcare Payer Assurance**

Biometric characteristics—the “things you are” such as fingerprints, voice and iris patterns—are far more reliable than biographic information and cards (“things you know” and “things you have”). Iris recognition offers a more accurate, reliable and hygienic identifier than other biometric methods.

In addition to accuracy, convenience is a significant benefit. The use of computing platforms—including laptops and tablets—has become a standard part of the provider workflow. SRI’s mobile solution delivers the accuracy of iris biometrics on a familiar, easy-to-use device—a method that providers can readily adopt.

Patients are enrolled and verified with a simple click of the tablet’s iris camera. Insurance payers can instantly receive confirmation of patient identity plus time and location information. Real-time data is essential to proactively combat fraud and provides accurate records for fraud investigators.

**Prevent member fraud and phantom billing with mobile biometric identification**

**Provider and Patient Protection**

With SRI’s biometric tablet, the patient’s iris pattern can become the unique key that unlocks access to his or her personal electronic medical record (EMR). This guarantees the correct patient EMR is opened every time, in seconds. It also eliminates the ability for more than one individual to pose as another for insurance benefits. Biometric matching at the registration desk also protects existing patients from being the unknowing victims of medical identity theft.

As technology evolves, the healthcare industry can enhance patient care and proactively mitigate fraud with one versatile device. Contact SRI to discuss the possibilities.
**DEMONSTRATION EXAMPLE:**
SRI’s Biometric-Embedded Tablet with BioClaim Processing Can Target Phantom Billing

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**Patient Enrollment**
Patient’s iris images are captured with SRI’s tablet and converted into a unique numeric code; BioClaim software permanently links the code to that patient’s insurance number; the information is stored in the provider’s central server database.

**Patient Authentication**
Individual iris patterns are matched against the stored biometric code to confirm patient identity and physical presence at each visit.

**Data Transmission**
Biometric code is combined with provider and patient IDs and transmitted via Internet to BioClaim’s remote server.

**Visit Record**
Visit record is stored in BioClaim database—it provides a biometric audit trail (that can be retrieved by payer or provider) to document patient presence at time of service before paying the claim.

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