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General Comment

Prohibiting genetic discrimination is a good thing. However, if it restricts the accumulation of individual data for purposes of disease management, health promotion and disease prevention it will be a blow to improving the health of the citizens of the United States. It will also impact the reduction of health care costs and impact quality of care adversely.

The act should not be interpreted as violated if the data is accumulated for purposes of quality improvement.