

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BENNET) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

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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 “Flexibility in Elec-  
5       tronic Health Record Reporting Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUING USE OF 3-MONTH QUARTER EHR RE-**  
2 **PORTING PERIODS FOR PROFESSIONALS AND**  
3 **HOSPITALS TO DEMONSTRATE MEANINGFUL**  
4 **USE FOR 2016 UNDER THE MEDICARE AND**  
5 **MEDICAID EHR INCENTIVE PAYMENT PRO-**  
6 **GRAMS.**

7 In specifying the EHR reporting period under part  
8 495 of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, for purposes  
9 of titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act, the  
10 Secretary of Health and Human Services shall continue  
11 through 2016 to permit the use of a 3-month quarter  
12 EHR reporting period to demonstrate meaningful use for  
13 purposes of such part, without regard to the payment year  
14 or the stage of meaningful use criteria involved.