H. R. 5001

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 2016

Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina (for herself, Mr. Tom Price of Georgia, Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. Kind, Mr. Rush, Ms. Matsui, and Mr. Lewis) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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 Electronic Health Record Reporting Act”.

SEC. 2. CONTINUING USE OF 3-MONTH QUARTER EHR REPORTING PERIODS FOR PROFESSIONALS AND HOSPITALS TO DEMONSTRATE MEANINGFUL USE FOR 2016 UNDER THE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID EHR INCENTIVE PAYMENT PROGRAMS.

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