BGOV Bill Analysis: H.R. 5347, Accountable Care Group Metrics

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Accountable care organizations would maintain flexibility in how they can report quality metrics through 2029 under H.R. 5347.

ACOs are coalitions of healthcare providers across various practices and sectors — **such as** physicians, pharmacies, and hospitals — that aim to coordinate care to reduce costs and improve patient outcomes, for instance, by preventing duplicative services.

ACOs participating in the **Medicare Shared Savings Program** can share in savings they generate for Medicare if they comply with various requirements, including by sharing quality metrics with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

CMS has sought to transition to a requirement for ACOs to submit quality data electronically, including through electronic clinical quality measures (eCQM), which have the potential to increase savings. But some industry groups have warned that the eCQM system could pose technical and operational challenges for smaller and less-resourced ACOs. A House Ways and Means Committee **summary** of the bill said uncertainty regarding the system has been "especially challenging for safety net or rural providers."

The bill would allow ACOs participating in MSSP to use **MIPS** and Medicare clinical quality measures in addition to eCQMs, through performance year 2029.

The bill also would establish a five-year pilot program, from 2028 through 2032, to test and deploy digital methods through which ACOs may submit data showing their quality metrics.

The bill would provide $8 million to CMS to implement its provisions, drawing the funding out of the **Medicare Improvement Fund**.

“By expanding reporting options for Accountable Care Organizations, my bipartisan bill will reduce excess regulatory burden on ACOs and allow providers to focus on delivering high-quality, value-based care,” Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-Fla.), the bill sponsor, said in a May 19 **statement**.

Group Positions

Accountable for Health, America’s Physician Groups, Epic Systems, the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society, National Association of Accountable Care Organizations, and Oracle Health SUPPORT the bill, according to Buchanan’s statement.

The **American Academy of Family Physicians**, **Federation of American Hospitals**, and **Healthcare Leadership Council** also expressed SUPPORT for the bill.

“By reducing unnecessary administrative burdens, the legislation promotes care delivery flexibility, strengthens provider sustainability, and supports improved patient outcomes,” the Federation of American Hospitals said in a Jan. 8 letter.

Previous Action

The House Ways and Means Committee approved the bill 43-0 on Sept. 17. The Energy and Commerce Committee approved it 44-0 on May 21.

Buchanan introduced the bill on Sept. 15, 2025. It had four cosponsors — three Republicans and one Democrat — as of June 26.

The bill title is the Healthcare Efficiency Through Flexibility Act.