AMENDMENT
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In subtitle F of title I of division A, add at the end the following:

SEC. 156. INCREASING MEANINGFUL USE OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS.

(a) STUDY.—The Commissioner shall conduct a study on methods that QHPB offering entities can use to encourage increased meaningful use of electronic health records by health care providers, including—

(1) qualified health benefits plans offering higher reimbursement rates for such meaningful use; and

(2) promoting the use by health care providers of low-cost available electronic health record software packages, such as software made available to health care providers by the Veterans Administration.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commissioner shall submit to the Congress a report containing—
(1) the results of the study under subsection (a); and

(2) recommendations concerning whether qualifying health benefits plans should increase reimbursement rates to health care providers to increase meaningful use of electronic health records by such providers.

(c) REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date the report is submitted to the Congress under subsection (b), if, under subsection (b)(2), the Commissioner recommends increased reimbursement rates, the Commissioner shall require that qualifying health benefits plans increase reimbursement rates for health care providers that show meaningful use of electronic health records.

(2) COST LIMITATION.—An increase in rates under paragraph (1) shall not result in any increase in affordability premium or cost-sharing credits under subtitle C of title II of this division.