

Microsoft 365

Compliance Digest

A review of 4 Microsoft 365 Copilot changes published to the Message Center in September 2026, with deployment dates from 2 Jun 2026 through 31 Jul 2026.

Review admin and user impacts and act where required before each deployment date.

4

Total Changes Tracked

4

High Admin Impact

0

Medium Admin Impact

Copilot

4 Copilot changes rated High admin or user impact this month — sorted by deployment date.

[MC1332811](#)

Introducing Microsoft Scout, an always-on personal agent

Deploy: 2 Jun 2026

Admin: High

User: Medium

DESCRIPTION

Microsoft is introducing Microsoft Scout, the first always-on "Autopilot" personal agent that can act on behalf of users across Microsoft 365 apps (Teams, Outlook, OneDrive, SharePoint) and runs locally on user desktops. Microsoft Scout is available today as a Frontier (preview) desktop experience on Windows and macOS but is OFF by default and requires admin enablement, enrollment, and explicit attestation due to data flows outside Microsoft 365. Admins must configure Intune device/access policies, complete the required admin opt-in and attestation during setup, and ensure eligible users have GitHub Copilot licensing for AI credit billing before users can sign in. Review security, compliance, and billing implications with stakeholders before enabling; expect support requests for sign-in failures if prerequisites are missing.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: Configure Intune device/access policies, complete the required admin opt-in and attestation (needed because of data flows outside Microsoft 365), and confirm eligible users hold GitHub Copilot licensing before anyone can sign in.

User: Users who want to try Scout must download the Frontier desktop app and sign in with both a work account and a GitHub account — sign-in fails until the admin prerequisites above are complete.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Because Scout requires an explicit admin attestation covering data flows outside Microsoft 365, any pilot users who try to sign in before that attestation and the required Intune policy work are done will hit unexplained sign-in failures, generating helpdesk tickets while the security and compliance review gets skipped rather than deliberately completed.

[MC1393471](#)

Copilot Cowork generally available today

Deploy: 15 Jun 2026 – 31 Jul 2026

Admin: High

User: Medium

DESCRIPTION

Copilot Cowork is now generally available worldwide for eligible users, with a new experience that adds multi-model capabilities, plugins, updated skill management/navigation, Microsoft Purview integration, and branded templates/image creation. Access is limited to users with a Microsoft 365 Copilot license and requires usage-based billing through Copilot Credits; without billing enabled, users cannot use Cowork. Microsoft has added a new Cost Management Dashboard in the Microsoft 365 admin center so admins can configure billing, spending policies, budget alerts, and usage reporting. Frontier users who used Copilot Cowork before the GA release keep temporary access, but admins must enable billing to avoid losing access for those users. Admins should review access scope, configure spending controls, and communicate the change and billing deadline to helpdesk and users.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: Enable usage-based billing in the new Cost Management Dashboard, set spending caps and budget alerts, and choose a purchasing option (pay-as-you-go or Copilot Credits P3) before 1 July 2026 to avoid cutting off existing Frontier users.

User: Frontier users who already had Cowork access keep it only through 30 June 2026 without billing configured; after that, access depends entirely on admins having enabled usage-based billing.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Frontier users who were already using Copilot Cowork lose access outright on 1 July 2026 if admins haven't enabled usage-based billing and configured spending controls in the Cost Management Dashboard by then, turning a billing oversight into an unplanned outage for users who were already relying on it.

[MC1325421](#)

Support for real-time screen sharing in Copilot voice sessions

Deploy: 30 Jun 2026 – 31 Jul 2026

Admin: High

User: High

DESCRIPTION

Microsoft 365 Copilot will support real-time desktop screen and mobile camera sharing during Copilot voice sessions; vision is enabled by default and processes only content shared during the active session. Admins can disable screen and camera sharing in the Microsoft 365 admin center (Copilot > Settings > Copilot Actions > Screen and camera sharing); no action is required to enable the feature. Shared audio and video are deleted after 48 hours; review Microsoft 365 Copilot privacy and enterprise data protection guidance to assess compliance impact. Communicate availability and guidance to users, and remind them to verify microphone/camera permissions and device settings.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: Review the privacy and data-handling implications of screen/camera vision before rollout completes in late July 2026, and disable it under Copilot > Settings > Copilot Actions > Screen and camera sharing if it doesn't meet your organization's requirements — no action is needed to leave it on.

User: Users can start sharing their desktop screen or mobile camera during a Copilot voice session from the Chat input box, the Copilot key/Win+C shortcut, or the mobile camera button, and should confirm microphone/camera permissions are set correctly.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Because vision is enabled by default with no admin action required, any organization that hasn't reviewed the privacy implications before rollout completes in late July 2026 will have users sharing desktop screens and camera feeds with Copilot — including whatever sensitive content happens to be on-screen — without that decision ever having been deliberately made.

[MC1422074](#)

OpenAI models will soon be available as a subprocessor in Microsoft 365 Copilot

Deploy: 9 Jul 2026 – 24 Jul 2026

Admin: High

User: Medium

DESCRIPTION

Microsoft 365 Copilot will support OpenAI-operated models as a new subprocessor option, including GPT-5.6, giving tenants access to newer AI model capabilities. A new admin setting in the Microsoft 365 admin center lets eligible tenants enable or disable access to these OpenAI-operated models. The setting is initially disabled for tenants, but if admins take no action by the deadline, it will be automatically enabled for eligible customers. A tenant set to "No users" will block OpenAI-operated models, which may make some Microsoft 365 Copilot features unavailable. The change applies to admins and users of Microsoft 365 Copilot, Copilot in Microsoft 365 apps, and Microsoft Copilot Studio.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: Decide before 24 July 2026 whether to allow OpenAI-operated models (including GPT-5.6) as a Copilot subprocessor; select "No users" in the Microsoft 365 admin center if you don't want them enabled, otherwise the setting turns on automatically.

User: No action needed — if the setting is left enabled, some Copilot responses may increasingly be generated by OpenAI-operated models rather than Microsoft-operated ones, under the same enterprise data protection terms.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

If admins take no action before 24 July 2026, OpenAI-operated models are automatically switched on as a Copilot subprocessor for eligible tenants, so any organization that hasn't reviewed the data-processing and compliance implications of routing prompts to OpenAI's infrastructure will have that decision made for them by default.



Full Feature Summary

MCID	Feature	Deploy	Admin	User
MC1332811 https://portal.changeilot.cloud/MC1332811	Introducing Microsoft Scout, an always-on personal agent	2 Jun 2026	High	Medium
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MC1325421 https://portal.changeilot.cloud/MC1325421	Support for real-time screen sharing in Copilot voice sessions	30 Jun 2026 – 31 Jul 2026	High	High
MC1422074 https://portal.changeilot.cloud/MC1422074	OpenAI models will soon be available as a subprocessor in Microsoft 365 Copilot	9 Jul 2026 – 24 Jul 2026	High	Medium