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Health Information for Quality Improvement Act

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Health Information for Quality Improvement Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to establish: (1) an Office of National Healthcare Information Infrastructure to develop a strategic plan to create such an infrastructure; and (2) a Medical Systems Safety Initiative to conduct research on improving and advancing medical care. Requires efforts to increase information technology usage and efficiency in health care to improve the quality of patient care and safety, while protecting privacy and security of information.

Prohibits health insurers from denying and preventing individuals with serious illnesses participation in approved clinical trials. Supports research on: (1) how best to care for older patients with multiple chronic conditions; and (2) the effectiveness and safety of prescription drugs with a high level of use in federally funded health programs.

Requires the development and use of standardized indicators of health care quality. Supports data collection and analysis to assess health care quality in communities and among people of different backgrounds.

Requires a study on approaches to developing and disseminating practice guidelines that synthesize the scientific evidence to support clinical practice.

Requires an evaluation of options to align health care performance with payment, including Medicare payments.

Supports projects to assess the feasibility of using different organizations to disseminate information about health care quality to consumers.

Awards grants for research on patient experiences. Requires the development of standardized materials to assist non-English speaking or functionally illiterate patients in the safe and appropriate use of prescription drugs.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 9, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 9, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S16138-16140)
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