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Continuing the Advancement of Quality Improvement Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Aug 2, 2007)

Continuing the Advancement of Quality Improvement Act of 2007 - Amends title XI of the Social Security Act to require any utilization and quality control peer review organization (also known as a Quality Improvement Organization (QIO)) entering into a contract with the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to perform only the function of providing technical assistance for quality improvement and performance measurement to providers, practitioners, and Medicare Advantage organizations offering Medicare Advantage plans under part C (Medicare+Choice) of title XVIII.

Directs the Secretary to develop and implement a transition plan for the transfer to Medicare provider review organizations (MPROs) of all other current functions of QIOs.

Specifies requirements for an MPRO with responsibility for addressing beneficiary complaints.

Requires the Secretary to establish priorities for selection of technical assistance providers.

Authorizes a QIO and an MPRO to share individual-specific data obtained from another provider or practitioner with a provider or practitioner who is treating the individual, for quality improvement and patient safety purposes.

Directs the Secretary to conduct a comprehensive review of the data-sharing systems, processes, and regulations of the Department of Health and Human Services in order to identify best practices and procedures, including abstraction of medical chart data.

Revises qualifications for QIOs.

Declares that funding for contracts for peer review of utilization and quality of health care services shall be used solely for providing technical assistance for quality improvement and performance measurement.

Revises requirements for annual reports to specified congressional committees on QIOs.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 2, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 2, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S10798-10799)
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