

## HR 7067

Quality FIRST (From Incentives, Reporting, Standards, and Technology) Act of 2008

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Altmire, Jason [D-PA-4]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 25, 2008

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Quality FIRST (From Incentives, Reporting, Standards, and Technology) Act of 2008 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make performance-based payments each fiscal year to hospitals that provide high quality inpatient hospital services to inpatients entitled to benefits under Medicare part A (Hospital Insurance).

Requires the Secretary to select appropriate evidence-based and statistically valid quality measures of care furnished by hospitals in inpatient settings for evaluating hospital performance.

Requires a utilization and quality control peer review organization to give priority of quality improvement assistance to low-performing hospitals.

Directs the Secretary to establish a program under which a hospital seeking to improve the quality of inpatient hospital services based on the results of a performance evaluation may apply to the Secretary to receive quality improvement assistance from a private quality organization with expertise in supporting inpatient service quality improvement.

### **Actions Timeline**

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