

## HR 1776

Quality FIRST (From Incentives, Reporting, Standards, and Technology) Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 30, 2009

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Mar 30, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/1776>

### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Massa, Eric J. J. [D-NY-29]	D · NY		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Apr 27, 2009
Rep. Braley, Bruce L. [D-IA-1]	D · IA		May 4, 2009
Rep. Schwartz, Allyson Y. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Jun 12, 2009
Rep. Carney, Christopher P. [D-PA-10]	D · PA		Jun 19, 2009
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jun 19, 2009
Rep. Pomeroy, Earl [D-ND-At Large]	D · ND		Jun 19, 2009
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jun 25, 2009
Rep. Sestak, Joe [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Jun 25, 2009
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]	D · NY		Jul 9, 2009
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Jul 9, 2009
Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-2]	D · UT		Jul 9, 2009
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jul 14, 2009
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jul 14, 2009
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Jul 15, 2009
Rep. Kratovil, Frank, Jr. [D-MD-1]	D · MD		Jul 22, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 30, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

---

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

---

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Mar 30, 2009)

---

Quality FIRST (From Incentives, Reporting, Standards, and Technology) Act of 2009 - 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, statistically valid, and sufficiently field tested 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

---

- **Mar 30, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.