NACOR News
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AQI posts updates to 2018 QCDR measure specifications

AQI has updated the 2018 QCDR Measure Specifications booklet, which includes QCDR measures for 2018 reporting, changes that were made to AQI's NACOR 2017 measure specifications in preparation for the 2018 performance year, as well as measures that were removed from the 2018 AQI's NACOR measure set. The only difference between the updated version and the January 3 version are minor changes to tables on pages 4 through 10. The 2018 measure specifications remain unchanged.

Review your NACOR dashboard

Remember to review your 2017 quality reports in the NACOR dashboard. Reviewing reports helps identify measure gaps and monitor providers' performances in meeting 2017 reporting requirements. Corrected data files must be submitted by the deadlines; January 31 for January-November data, and February 15 for December data. For more information, email askaqi@asahq.org.

Clarification on quality reporting reconciliation

Quality reporting reconciliation is a process in which AQI compares the Eligible Clinician (EC) types reported on a practice's order form with information contained in a practice's data file. For each data file submitted, AQI confirms the membership status of each EC to determine if s/he is eligible to receive the ASA member benefit rate for NACOR Quality Reporting. AQI then counts the number of all EC categories (i.e., ASA Member and non-member physician anesthesiologists, ASA Educational Member and non-member care team staff, and ASA Educational Member and non-member Independent CRNAs) and compares them to information provided in the practice's order form. A practice will receive an invoice, if applicable, for the difference between the numbers provided on the original orders and data submitted to AQI. Payments must be received by March 16, 2018.

First quality reporting deadline January 31

Quality data from January through November 2017 must be submitted to AQI's NACOR by Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

February 15 quality reporting deadlines approaching

The deadline for the following quality reporting components is Thursday, February 15.

- Selecting a 90-day reporting period in the NACOR dashboard. Click here for instructions.
- Reconciling provider lists and ensuring all NPIs are assigned the proper provider type (MD-Anesthesia, CRNA, DO, AA, SRNA, Resident, etc.).
- Attesting to 2017 Improvement Activities. In this step-by-step tutorial, clinicians learn how to select the Improvement Activity to which they will attest.

Quality reporting consent submissions due February 28

Eligible clinicians (ECs) who are enrolled in 2017 individual quality reporting must return electronic consent forms by Wednesday, February 28, as required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). ECs of practices that elected to receive electronic consents received an email from ArborMetrix in December with a link to an EC-specific electronic consent form. The email subject line from nacormessaging@arbormetrix.com was "CMS requirement: Consent needed for NACOR

individual quality reporting." If consents are not submitted by February 28, quality data will not be sent to CMS. For questions about consents, email Margaret Bussan.

2017 NACOR Quality Reporting Deadlines

01/31/2018	January – November 2017 Data Submission
02/01/2018	Fully Executed Participation Agreement for 2017 Pick Your Pace Limited Service (i.e., NACOR Quality Concierge 90-day or 1 measure/1 case option, determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on complexity of the practice)
02/15/2018	All Data Submissions;
	In NACOR Dashboard:
	CMS Opt-Out
	TIN/NPI Reconciliation
	Improvement Activity Attestation
02/28/2018	Individual Quality Reporting Consent Submission
03/16/2018	If a practice does not pay its final invoice in full by this date, the practice's data may not be submitted to CMS.