NACOR News
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NACOR approved as QR and QCDR for 2018 MIPS reporting

AQI's National Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes Registry (NACOR) was recently approved as a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR), as well as a Qualified Registry (QR), by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This is the fifth year that NACOR has been approved as a QCDR by CMS, which allows physician anesthesiologists, qualified anesthesia providers and other clinicians to report on quality measures that reflect their practices.

AQI posts 2018 QCDR measure specifications

AQI has unveiled the 2018 QCDR Measure Specifications booklet. The booklet includes new 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.

2018 MIPS and QCDR measures on AQI Virtual Office Hours agenda

AQI's regularly scheduled Quality Reporting Virtual Office Hours are scheduled at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., Tuesday, January 16. The agenda includes an overview on 2018 MIPS and QCDR measures.

2018 XML schema changes announced

AQI has made modifications to improve the NACOR XML schema for 2018. The intention for these changes is to allow reporting of a few retired measures that practices wish to track internally but not send to CMS. Designated as Internal Improvement Measures (IIM), the retired measures and their specifications will be released in a booklet in the second quarter of 2018.

AQI intends to require all schema changes be made by April 1, 2018. During the first quarter of 2018, data will be accepted in both 2017 and 2018 XML formats. AQI will follow up with another announcement denoting the exact date when 2018 schema may first be used. 2018 schema information and an updated XML validation tool will soon be posted on the AQI website. For more information, email askaqi@asahq.org.

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.

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.