February 15 is FINAL quality reporting deadline

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.).
- December 2017 data submissions

Note: The deadline to attest to 2017 Improvement Activities is extended until February 28.

- In this step-by-step tutorial, clinicians learn how to select the Improvement Activity to which they will attest.

Selecting 90-day reporting period for MIPS Quality Component and Improvement Activities in NACOR dashboard

Practices electing to report for a 90-consecutive day period can select the specific date range in the NACOR dashboard. Click here for instructions. AQI updated the NACOR dashboard to include a separate 90-day reporting period for the Quality Component and Improvement Activities. Practices who have already attested to their activities must go into the dashboard and select their date ranges for the Improvement Activities by February 28.

For both individual and group reporting options, clinicians can attest to 2017 Improvement Activities using the provider list in the NACOR dashboard. As NACOR participants, practices can attest to activity IA_PSPA_1: Participation in an AHRQ-listed patient safety organization. This is a medium-weighted activity worth 10 points.

Submit all measures under MIPS

Last year AQI helped practices choose their best nine measures for PQRS because reporting more than nine measures could have adversely affected the Value Modifier. For 2017 MIPS reporting, *this is no longer true*. Reporting more than the required six measures may benefit your group if you report more than one outcome measure or high-priority measure. CMS will choose the best six measures and evaluate any additional measures appropriately to achieve the best score for the MIPS Quality Component based on data submitted. For more information, refer to the MIPS Scoring 101 Guide.

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. December data and corrected data files must be submitted by February 15. For more information, email askaqi@asahq.org.

Report to CMS field for Group Reporting practices

For practices that have elected Group Reporting for 2017, the Report to CMS field on the provider list in the NACOR dashboard is defaulted to "Yes." Practices do not have the ability to edit this field

because, according to CMS, "a group electing to submit data at the group level will have its performance assessed and scored across the TIN, which could include items and services furnished by individual NPIs within the TIN who are not required to participate in MIPS. For example, excluded clinicians are part of the group, and therefore, would be considered in the group's score." Failing to report on all the group's clinicians could adversely impact the group's score.

Provider type "Other"

While reconciling your provider lists, make sure all NPIs are assigned the proper provider type (MD-Anesthesia, CRNA, DO, AA, SRNA, Resident, etc.). AQI has discovered that in many instances Residents and SRNAs are being listed as "Other." All providers with a provider type of "Other" will have their data submitted to CMS. This guide will assist you in updating your list. Provider lists should be reconciled by Thursday, February 15.

Quality reporting consent submissions due February 28

Eligible clinicians (ECs) who are enrolled in 2017 individual quality reporting must return consent forms by Wednesday, February 28, as required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS prohibits submitting data on behalf of an EC unless an individual consent form is completed. AQI's NACOR **will not** submit 2017 MIPS quality reporting data if the consent form is not completed by February 28. For consent information, email Margaret Bussan.

AQI Committee on Data Definitions seeking nominations

The Committee on Data Definitions (CDD) is seeking nominations from individuals who would like to serve on the Committee. The CDD develops conceptual definitions for data elements in AQI's NACOR to ensure the data are reliable and valid. Since its formation in 2015, the Committee has developed and implemented four data element sets that are used for data submitted to NACOR by participating anesthesia practices. The CDD holds monthly conference calls and one annual in-person meeting. Individuals interested in volunteering for a three-year term on the CDD must complete and submit a self-nomination form by Wednesday, February 28.

2017 NACOR Quality Reporting Deadlines	
~~01/31/2018~~	~~January – November 2017 Data Submission~~
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.