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2017 MIPS data to be submitted to CMS

AQI has completed the data validation process and will begin submitting 2017 MIPS quality data to CMS today, March 23. Final MIPS scores will be available in July. Eligible Clinicians and Group Practices will need to have an EIDM account with CMS to view results. EIDM accounts can be obtained through the CMS enterprise portal. Select "PQRS: Physician Quality Reporting System" when asked to "Choose your application."

Register for 2018 NACOR quality reporting

Practices interested in registering for 2018 NACOR Quality Reporting can now begin the enrollment process by completing the new <u>online order form</u>. Practices that were enrolled in 2017 and would like to continue in 2018 will need to complete an order form. Participation agreements auto renew. AQI'S NACOR <u>quality reporting options</u> include Quality Concierge and NACOR Standard. NACOR Basic does not include quality reporting.

Practices that are enrolled in Quality Concierge do not need to complete the 2018 order form. Registration automatically renews for these practices.

AQI NACOR survey

AQI will be sending a short survey to practice champions next week. AQI is looking for your feedback regarding AQI participation, the NACOR dashboard and educational resources. Survey responses are due Monday, April 9. Check your email for the survey link.

Changes in 2018 MIPS reporting

AQI would like to call to your attention changes in MIPS reporting for 2018.

- There are no "Pick Your Pace Options" for 2018.
- Quality Component data completeness requirements: Eligible Clinicians (ECs) should report
 on six measures, including one outcome measure for at least 60% of eligible cases. This is a
 10% increase from 2017.
 - If fewer than six measures apply, the EC/group must report all applicable measures.
- The Cost Component will be weighted at 10% of the total MIPS score. In 2017, cost was weighted at 0%.
- The minimum threshold for 2018 is 15 points to avoid a penalty adjustment. The threshold was three points in 2017.
- The payment adjustment for 2018 is +/- 5%. This is a 1% increase from 2017.

Additional information can be found on the <u>ASA Website</u> or by emailing <u>askaqi@asahq.org</u> or <u>gra@asahq.org</u>.

NACOR News moves to monthly publication

Beginning in April, AQI's NACOR News will move from a weekly to monthly newsletter. NACOR participants will continue to receive the latest news and information on 2018 NACOR quality reporting,

AQI events and how to prepare your data submission. Check your email in mid-April for the next issue of NACOR News.