

NACOR Basic delivers for MIPS-exempt providers too

Are you wondering what to do if you are exempt from MIPS quality reporting? Anesthesia providers who are exempt from MIPS in the 2018 performance year should consider <u>AQI's NACOR</u> to submit data that will ultimately help to better understand performance, improve the quality of care delivered and demonstrate successes.

NACOR Basic with benchmarking allows practices to report their billing and administrative data, as well as continue to report quality measures (MIPS and QCDR) without submitting to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Submitting data through NACOR Basic will help build consistent, year-over-year quality and outcomes data that will help you:

- Negotiate contracts with hospitals
- Report quality data to private insurers to negotiate fee increases
- Benchmark performance against 20,000 participants
- Provide support for mergers, sales and acquisitions

For many individual physician anesthesiologists and their practices, the most impactful data is not always captured for national payment program purposes, according to Registry Reporting Beyond Federal Payment Programs in the March 2018 issue of the ASA *Monitor*. Reporting local quality measurement and improvement activities through NACOR can help practices understand where performance gaps exist and benchmark data against their peers nationally.

<u>Check out 2018 pricing</u> for NACOR solutions. Practices interested in enrolling should complete the 2018 <u>NACOR Order Form</u> and select the <u>NACOR Basic</u> service to help benchmark patient outcomes, identify areas for local quality improvement and demonstrate quality and value metrics for contracting.

Did you miss AQI's May Office Hours?

If you were not able to attend AQI's May Office Hours, an <u>audio recording</u> is now available on the AQI website. During the monthly <u>Quality Reporting Virtual Office Hours</u> session in May, AQI provided an update on the 2017 MIPS data submission and discussed the benefits of reporting quality data, while the Quality and Regulatory Affairs department demonstrated the MIPS eligibility tool on the Quality Payment Program website. The next Virtual Office Hours session is scheduled at <u>11 a.m.</u> CST, Tuesday, June 12.

2018 reporting deadlines	Contact AQI
NACOR registration – October 31	To register: qcdr@asahq.org
January – November data submission – January 31, 2019	NACOR dashboard and data: Nacorsupport@arbormetrix.com
All data submission – February 15, 2019	AQI questions: aqi@asahq.org