NACOR Vendor News
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2017 MIPS data to be submitted to CMS

AQI's NACOR is in the final stages of preparing data files for submission to CMS for the 2017 MIPS Reporting year. AQI will submit data to CMS next week on behalf of those practices who were enrolled in 2017 Quality Reporting. AQI expects practices to be notified of their results by CMS in the fall.

AQI Developers Resource page updates

AQI has updated the Developers Resource page on the AQI website to include 2018 schema changes and the 2018 XML validator. Additional resources will be posted soon.

2018 MIPS and QCDR measure specification updates

Each year changes are made to the MIPS and QCDR measure specifications. Please make sure that your practice has reviewed the 2018 specifications for any changes and have updated your data collection tools. As a reminder the following QCDR measures have been retired and do not count towards 2018 MIPS quality reporting:

- AQI 29: Prevention of Post-OP Nausea and Vomiting – Combination therapy (Peds)

- AQI 31: PACU Reintubation Rate

- AQI 32: Procedural Safety for Central Line Placement

- AQI 34: Perioperative Cardiac Arrest

- AQI 35: Perioperative Mortality Rate

- AQI 37: Surgical Safety Checklist

- AQI 52: Treatment of Hyperglycemia with Insulin

The 2018 QCDR measure specifications are now on the AQI website. The 2018 MIPS measure specifications can be found on www.cms.gov.

AQI data file requirements

When submitting data files to NACOR, make sure that files include the NACOR minimum data fields, which include the following:

- Unique Anesthesia Episode of Care ID (an anesthesia case ID for episode of care)
- Provider TIN
- Provider NPI
- Provider Credentials (e.g. Anesthesiologist, Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist)
- Facility ID
- Date of Service (part of date/time field in conjunction with anesthesia start / end times)
- Anesthesia Start / End Times (part of date/time field in conjunction with date of service)

- Patient Sex
- One or both: Patient age, Patient Date of Birth
- Anesthesia type (Neuraxial, General Anesthesia, Monitored Anesthesia Care, Peripheral Nerve Block, No Anesthesia Provided, Unknown)
- ASA Physical Status (with "E" designator when appropriate)
- ASA CPT Code (with modifiers as appropriate)
- Surgical CPT Code (with modifiers as appropriate)
- Procedure Status
- Payment Method (Commercial***, Government: Medicare Fee for Service - Part A, Government: Medicare Fee for Service - Part B, Government: Medicare Fee for Service - Part C, Government: Medicaid, Government: Military/Veterans, Government: Other, Worker's Compensation, Self-Pay, Charity, Other, Unknown)
- ICD 10 (Required if included as part of the denominator / denominator exclusion / numerator value of a measure)