



NACOR Vendor News

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January – November 2017 data due January 31

All January through November 2017 billing and quality data is due to AQI's NACOR on Wednesday, January 31. All data files must be properly merged and formatted prior to submission. The [NACOR Data Submission Guide](#) provides information on the data submission portal. For more information, email askaqi@asahq.org.

For practices yet to enroll in 2017 MIPS, it's not too late to avoid the 4 percent penalty

The 2017 Pick Your Pace, one measure/one patient MIPS reporting option, is available through NACOR's Quality Concierge (QC). Throughout January, practices may enroll in QC's specially designed 2017 Pick Your Pace app, an attractive offering to practices unable to meet the standard NACOR data submission process. The service is limited to the group reporting option, and pricing will vary depending on sign-up date and ongoing contracting with QC. For more information, email askaqi@asahq.org.

AQI vendor webinar scheduled for January 24

AQI is hosting a vendor webinar at 1:30 p.m. CST, Wednesday, January 24. The agenda will include review of 2017 reporting deadlines, 2018 schema changes, 2018 changes to MIPS and review of 2018 QCDR measure specifications. [Register online](#) now.

File naming convention

Before submitting data files to NACOR, make sure that the file names follow the proper format:

1. The following identifiers are required for proper formatting:
 - a. PID – Your AQI Practice ID number must have a minimum of three characters. If your practice ID is less than three characters, use 0 to complete the file name.
 - b. .xml – This is the file extension
2. The following additional identifiers are recommended:
 - a. Practice name (or abbreviation)
 - b. DOSSTART – The first date of service in your data file
 - c. DOSEND – The last date of service in your data file

A complete example using both required and recommended elements:

AQI Anesthesia_PID(001)_DOSSTART(20170701)_DOSEND(20170731).xml

Files that are not named properly will fail validation. For more information, review the [Data Submission Guide](#).

Upcoming 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.