



NACOR Vendor News

Monday, January 22, 2018

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.

First quality reporting deadline January 31

Quality and billing data from January through November 2017 must be submitted to AQI's NACOR, properly merged and formatted, by Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

February 15 quality reporting deadlines approaching

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.).
- Attesting to 2017 Improvement Activities. In this [step-by-step tutorial](#), clinicians learn how to select the Improvement Activity to which they will attest.

Quality reporting consent submissions due February 28

Eligible clinicians (ECs) who are enrolled in 2017 individual quality reporting must return electronic consent forms by Wednesday, February 28, as required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). ECs of practices that elected to receive electronic consents received an email from ArborMetrix in December with a link to an EC-specific electronic consent form. The email subject line from nacormessaging@arbormetrix.com was "CMS requirement: Consent needed for NACOR individual quality reporting." If consents are not submitted by February 28, quality data will not be sent to CMS. For questions about consents, email [Margaret Bussan](mailto:Margaret.Bussan)

AQI posts updates to 2018 QCDR measure specifications

AQI has updated the [2018 QCDR Measure Specifications](#) booklet, which includes QCDR measures for 2018 reporting, changes that were made to AQI's NACOR 2017 measure specifications in preparation for the 2018 performance year, as well as measures that were removed from the 2018 AQI's NACOR measure set. The only difference between the updated version and the January 3 version are minor changes to tables on pages 4 through 10. The 2018 measure specifications remain unchanged.

AQI releases 2018 data definitions

AQI recently published the [2018 AQI NACOR Data Element Conceptual Definitions](#). The document includes updates to the official conceptual definitions and clarifies data element conceptual definitions. Email comments or recommendations to askaqi@asahq.org

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.