



NACOR News

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January 31 – First quality reporting deadline

Quality and billing data from January through November 2017 must be submitted to the Anesthesia Quality Institute's (AQI) National Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes Registry (NACOR) by Wednesday, January 31, for those participating in 2017 MIPS Reporting.

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.
- December 2017 data submissions

AQI Group and Individual Reporting checklists available

With data submission deadlines for the 2017 MIPS reporting year approaching, AQI has prepared checklists for both [Group Reporting](#) and [Individual Reporting](#) to help ensure your practice has completed all participation requirements by AQI's deadlines.

Quality reporting consent submissions due February 28

Eligible clinicians (ECs) who are enrolled in 2017 individual quality reporting must return paper or electronic consent forms by Wednesday, February 28, as required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS prohibits submission of data on behalf of an EC unless an individual consent form is completed. AQI's NACOR **will not** be able to submit your 2017 MIPS quality reporting data to CMS if you do not complete the consent form by the aforementioned date. For questions about consents, email [Margaret Bussan](#).

AQI Committee on Data Definitions seeking nominations

The Committee on Data Definitions (CDD) is seeking nominations for individuals who would like to serve on the Committee. The CDD develops conceptual definitions for data elements in AQI's NACOR to ensure the data are reliable and valid. Since its formation in 2015, the Committee has developed and implemented four data element sets that are being used for data submitted to NACOR by participating anesthesia practices. The CDD holds monthly conference calls and one annual in-person meeting. Individuals interested in volunteering for a three-year term on the CDD must complete and submit a [self-nomination form](#) by Wednesday, February 28.

New NACOR comorbidity data elements now available

AQI recently released the new [Comorbidity Data Set](#), which includes elements in validated risk-adjustment models used by other major specialties, as well as those associated with adverse anesthesia-specific outcomes. While these data elements are not mandatory, NACOR practices are encouraged to submit them, as they are essential in determining and reducing risk of patient harm and in calculating risk-adjusted clinical outcomes.

2017 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.