



NACOR News

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Sign up for data file merging and format assistance

All NACOR participants with data from multiple sources must submit data files merged and in xml format to AQI's data submission portal. Services are available for a fee for practices that need merging and formatting assistance. For help merging or formatting your data file, email askaqi@asahq.org to schedule a conference call. The deadline to request assistance is December 15.

Review your NACOR dashboard

Have you submitted 2017 MIPS Quality data to NACOR? If the answer is yes, AQI recommends you review your 2017 quality reports in the NACOR Dashboard. Reviewing reports helps you identify measure gaps and monitor your providers' performance in meeting the 2017 reporting requirements. For more information, contact your AQI Account Manager or email askaqi@asahq.org.

Attesting to Improvement Activities via NACOR

Clinicians can attest to 2017 Improvement Activities using the provider list in the NACOR Dashboard. In this [step-by-step tutorial](#), clinicians learn how to select the Improvement Activity to which they will attest through either the individual or group reporting option.

Reporting MIPS 76 and AQI 32 – Central Line Measures

During the past year the AQI and ASA's Quality and Regulatory Affairs Department have received questions about the following measures:

- MIPS #76: Prevention of Central Venous Catheter (CVC)-Related Bloodstream Infections
- AQI #32: Composite Procedural Safety for Central Line Placement

Reporting either measure is intended for clinicians who attempt central venous cannulation insertions. As paraphrased in *ASA CROSSWALK* (p. vi, 2017 edition): Anesthesiologists may report codes for diagnostic or therapeutic procedures in addition to the anesthesia code for the primary procedure. *When an anesthesia provider administers anesthesia in support of procedures like an insertion of a central venous access device, the appropriate anesthesia code should be reported.*

When reporting these measures to NACOR, the following applies: If the anesthesiologist **places the line**, the **surgical CPT** should be placed in the **<CPTValue> section** of the xml data file. If the anesthesiologist **provides anesthesia** for the line placement, the **anesthesia CPT code** should be placed in the **<CPTAnesValue>**. For more information, email askaqi@asahq.org.

Updates made to NACOR Data Submission Guide

The [NACOR Data Submission Guide](#), which provides information on data submissions and mechanisms for NACOR, was recently updated. Changes to the updated guide include:

- Zip files are not supported
- File size limitation is 150 MB
- Whitelist support@epreop.com for validation emails
- Ensure practice identifiers are three or four characters in length

2017 NACOR Quality Reporting Deadlines

12/15/2017	Enrollment in Merging and/or Formatting Services
01/31/2018	January – November 2017 Data Submission
02/15/2018	Enrollment in NACOR Quality Concierge 90-day or 1 measure/1 case option – to be determined on a case-by-case basis. Depending on the complexity of the practice, the 90-day option may not be feasible, and the practice will be directed to the one measure/one case option; December 2017 Data Submission; In NACOR Dashboard: CMS Opt-Out TIN/NPI Reconciliation Improvement Activity Attestation
02/28/2018	Individual Quality Reporting Consent Submission