



NACOR News

Friday, December 22, 2017

Holiday coverage

The ASA/AQI offices will be closed Monday, December 25, through Monday, January 1. An AQI staff member will be available for urgent matters only on Wednesday, December 27, and Thursday, December 28. If you have an urgent issue, please email askaqi@asahq.org, and a staff member will assist you.

Keeping provider lists up to date

It is important for practices to routinely update their provider lists in the NACOR Dashboard. AQI's NACOR uses the list as the record of truth for CMS data submission, as well as Provider Reconciliation/Invoicing. Your practice should make sure the following are correct:

- TIN
- Provider NPI
- Report to CMS Status

This [step-by-step guide](#) will walk you through the updating process. For practices enrolled in individual reporting, mark the providers who have retired or left your practice as “disabled” in the Status field and “No” in the Report to CMS field. For those practices enrolled in group reporting, mark the providers who retired or left your practice prior to January 1, 2017, as disabled in the Status field. Any providers who worked for your practice during the 2017 reporting year will be included in 2017 CMS data submission. The deadline for updating the provider list is February 15.

2018 XML schema changes announced

AQI has made a few modifications to improve the NACOR XML schema for 2018. The intention for these changes is to allow reporting of a few retired measures that practices wish to track internally but not send to CMS. Designated as Internal Improvement Measures (IIM), the retired measures and their specifications will be released in a booklet in the second quarter of 2018.

AQI intends to require all schema changes be made by April 1, 2018. During the first quarter of 2018, data will be accepted in both 2017 and 2018 XML formats. AQI will follow up with another announcement denoting the exact date when 2018 schema may first be used. 2018 schema information and an updated XML validation tool will soon be posted on the AQI website. For more information, email askaqi@asahq.org.

First quality reporting deadline January 31

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

2017 NACOR Quality Reporting Deadlines

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| 12/15/2017 | Enrollment in Merging and/or Formatting Services |
| 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.