



NACOR News

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Individual Quality Reporting? Check provider lists before February 28

If your eligible clinicians (ECs) are enrolled in 2017 **individual** quality reporting, please review your provider lists. All ECs should have “Yes” or “N/A” listed in the Consent Received column. If you see “No” in this column, you must take action. If you are planning to send data for these ECs, AQI needs a signed consent form for each EC by February 28. If you are not planning to send data, visit your NACOR dashboard and change the Report to CMS field to “No.” AQI’s NACOR will not be able to submit quality reporting data to CMS if the consent form is not complete by February 28. For more information email [Margaret Bussan](mailto:Margaret.Bussan@aqi.com).

Final deadline to attest to Improvement Activities - February 28

For both individual and group reporting options, 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. As NACOR participants, practices can attest to activity IA_PSPA_1: Participation in an AHRQ-listed patient safety organization. This medium-weighted activity is worth 10 points.

Quality reporting reconciliation process underway

AQI staff has started the quality reporting reconciliation process for practices, in which AQI compares the Eligible Clinician (EC) types reported on a practice’s order form with information contained in a practice’s data file.

For each data file submitted, AQI confirms the membership status of each EC to determine if s/he is eligible to receive the ASA member benefit rate for NACOR Quality Reporting. AQI then counts the number of all EC categories (i.e., ASA Member and non-member physician anesthesiologists, ASA Educational Member and non-member care team staff, and ASA Educational Member and non-member Independent CRNAs) and compares them to information provided in the practice’s order form.

A practice will receive an invoice, if applicable, for the difference between the numbers provided on the original orders and data submitted to AQI. Payments must be received by March 16, 2018.

Register for 2018 NACOR quality reporting

Quality reporting practices can now begin the enrollment process for 2018 NACOR Quality Reporting by completing the new [online order form](#). AQI’s NACOR [quality reporting options](#) include Quality Concierge and NACOR Standard. NACOR Basic does not include quality reporting.

2018 QCDR measure specifications approved

The [2018 QCDR Measure Specifications](#) were approved by CMS in January. The booklet includes QCDR measures for 2018 reporting, changes 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.

Measure ID change for AQI 28

AQI received notification from CMS yesterday that the measure ID number for AQI 28 – New Corneal Injury Not Diagnosed Prior to Discharge has been assigned a new ID number for 2018 – AQI 60. Please make the appropriate change for data collection and submission.

AQI Committee on Data Definitions seeking nominations

The Committee on Data Definitions (CDD) is seeking nominations for individuals who want to serve on the Committee. The CDD develops conceptual definitions for data elements in AQI's NACOR to ensure data are reliable and valid. Since 2015, the Committee has developed and implemented four data element sets that are 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 must submit a [self-nomination form](#) by Wednesday, February 28.

ASA discounts available

NACOR participants are eligible to receive discounted rates on ASA education products. Contact Nate Wicks at (847) 268-9214 or N.Wicks@asahq.org for more information.

2017 NACOR Quality Reporting Deadlines

01/31/2018	January—November 2017 Data Submission
02/19/2018	All Data Submissions; In NACOR Dashboard; CMS Opt-Out TIN/NPI Reconciliation
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.