



# NACOR News

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## **NACOR dashboard locked down**

In preparation for 2017 MIPS data submission to CMS, AQI has locked the provider list and the Improvement Activity attestation tool in the NACOR dashboard. You will not be able to make any changes to the provider list or attest to any Improvement Activities. The provider lists will be unlocked on April 1 for 2018 MIPS reporting. If you have questions, email [askaqi@asahq.org](mailto:askaqi@asahq.org).

## **Quality Reporting Office Hours – March 13**

Looking for answers to your quality reporting questions? AQI is hosting its regularly scheduled [Virtual Office Hours](#) at [11 a.m.](#) and [5 p.m.](#) Central, Tuesday, March 13. AQI & ASA staff members provide quality reporting general announcements and participate in a question-and-answer session.

## **2017 quality reporting reconciliations due March 16**

AQI staff is working on 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. If you have not received an invoice, [email Margaret Bussan](#) for an update.

## **2018 XML schema**

The 2018 XML resources have been updated, including the 2018 XML validator. XML resources can be found on AQI's [Vendor page](#).

## **2018 MIPS reporting guidelines**

As AQI finalizes 2017 MIPS data submission, the following steps will help practices initiate 2018 MIPS reporting. Please note the Pick Your Pace options were eliminated for 2018.

- **Understand the reporting requirements** – For the Quality component, Eligible Clinicians (EC) must report on six measures, including one outcome measure for 60% of your eligible cases. This is a 10% increase from 2017.
- **Determine your quality reporting mechanism** – AQI's NACOR offers two quality reporting mechanisms for practices participating in MACRA – qualified clinical data registry (QCDR) and qualified registry (QR). To decide which quality reporting option is best, [review NACOR quality reporting options](#) and mechanisms.

- **Decide if you will report as individuals or as a group** – In 2018, NACOR is offering [two reporting options](#) – Individual and Group Practice Reporting. While measures available to report will be the same for both options, practices should consider [several factors](#) when deciding whether to report individually or by group.
- **Review the measures** – QCDR participants can choose from 2018 MIPS and QCDR measures listed in the [2018 QCDR Measure Specifications](#) 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. QR participants can select their measures from the [2018 MIPS Measures available for reporting](#).
- **Register for 2018 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.