



NACOR Vendor 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.

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

Miss the AQI vendor webinar?

Last week's AQI vendor webinar slides are now [available online](#). Learn more about what was addressed in the webinar, including 2018 quality reporting, 2017 reporting deadlines and common data file errors.

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.

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