



NACOR Vendor News

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Deadline for data file merging and formatting assistance – December 15

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.

AQI resources available

Visit [AQI's developer resources](#) for information on quality reporting and 2017 MIPS measures. For information on technical questions, email askaqi@asahq.org. For information about regulatory and measure-related questions, email gra@asahq.org.

Not eligible for Quality Reporting? NACOR Basic offers practices the following benefits:

With [NACOR Basic](#), practices can report billing and administrative data, comorbidities and outcomes. While NACOR Basic does not include MIPS reporting, practices will have access to interactive analytical reports, peer-to-peer benchmarking and improvement interventions, including patient care management tools, targeted education and links to anesthesia information technology vendors.

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