



NACOR Vendor News

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NACOR approved as QR and QCDR for 2018 MIPS reporting

AQI's National Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes Registry (NACOR) was recently approved as a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR), as well as a Qualified Registry (QR), by the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#) (CMS). This is the fifth year that NACOR has been approved as a QCDR by CMS, which allows physician anesthesiologists, qualified anesthesia providers and other clinicians to report on quality measures that reflect their practices.

AQI posts 2018 QCDR measure specifications

AQI has unveiled the [2018 QCDR Measure Specifications](#) booklet, which includes new QCDR measures for 2018 reporting as well as a comprehensive list of changes that were made to existing QCDR measures and the list of measures that were removed by CMS for 2018.

AQI vendor webinar scheduled for January 24

AQI is hosting a vendor webinar at 1:30 p.m. CST, Wednesday, January 24. The agenda will include review of 2017 Reporting deadlines, 2018 schema changes, 2018 changes to MIPS and review of 2018 QCDR measure specifications. [Register online](#) now.

For practices yet to enroll in 2017 MIPS, it's not too late to avoid the 4 percent penalty

The 2017 Pick Your Pace, one measure/one patient MIPS reporting option, is available through NACOR's Quality Concierge (QC). Now through January, practices may enroll in QC's specially designed 2017 Pick Your Pace app, an attractive offering to practices unable to meet the standard NACOR data submission process. The service is limited to the group reporting option, and pricing will vary depending on sign-up date and ongoing contracting with QC. For more information, email askaqi@asahq.org.

Quality reporting reconciliation to begin soon

As noted in the NACOR Standard Quality Reporting order form completed by practices at enrollment, AQI will soon begin reconciling purchased Eligible Clinician (EC) counts against actual data submitted. Please inform your practices that AQI will begin sending invoices where applicable in January, and all payments must be received by March 16, 2018.

For example, if a practice ordered quality reporting services for 10 CRNAs, but submitted data for 12 CRNAs, AQI will invoice for two additional CRNAs. If AQI does not receive payment for the two additional CRNAs by March 16, 2018, data may not be submitted to CMS.

Upcoming NACOR Quality Reporting Deadlines

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.