



NACOR Vendor News

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January 31 – First quality reporting deadline

Quality and billing data from January through November 2017 must be submitted to the Anesthesia Quality Institute's (AQI) National Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes Registry (NACOR) by Wednesday, January 31, for those participating in 2017 MIPS Reporting.

Miss the AQI vendor webinar?

Last week's AQI vendor webinar slides are now [available online](#). Learn more about 2018 changes to MIPS, 2018 schema changes and upcoming AQI quality reporting deadlines.

Attached to this email are the following documents addressed during the webinar:

- 2018 AQI Schema (xsd)
- 2018 changes to the Schema
- Schema sample
- Schema for NACOR Minimum Data Set (MDS)
- Schema for MDS plus Outcomes
- Schema for MDS plus Qualified Clinical Data Registry
- Schema for MDS plus Qualified Registry

February 15 quality reporting deadlines approaching

The deadline for the following quality reporting components is Thursday, February 15.

- Selecting a 90-day reporting period in the NACOR dashboard. Click [here](#) for instructions.
- Reconciling provider lists and ensuring all NPIs are assigned the proper provider type (MD-Anesthesia, CRNA, DO, AA, SRNA, Resident, etc.).
- Attesting to 2017 Improvement Activities. In this [step-by-step tutorial](#), clinicians learn how to select the Improvement Activity to which they will attest.
- December 2017 data submissions

Quality reporting consent submissions due February 28

Eligible clinicians (ECs) who are enrolled in 2017 individual quality reporting must return paper or electronic consent forms by Wednesday, February 28, as required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS prohibits submission of data on behalf of an EC unless an individual consent form is completed. AQI's NACOR **will not** be able to submit your 2017 MIPS quality reporting data to CMS if you do not complete the consent form by the aforementioned date. For questions about consents, email [Margaret Bussan](#).

New NACOR comorbidity data elements now available

AQI recently released the new [Comorbidity Data Set](#), which includes elements in validated risk-adjustment models used by other major specialties, as well as those associated with adverse anesthesia-specific outcomes. While these data elements are not mandatory, NACOR practices are encouraged to submit them, as they are essential in determining and reducing risk of patient harm and in calculating risk-adjusted clinical outcomes.

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.