



NACOR Vendor News

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Quality reporting deadlines extended until February 19

As you may be aware, the NACOR dashboards are down today. All data provided since Friday, February 9, will be reflected in the reports available tomorrow morning. Due to the dashboards being down, we have extended the February 15 deadlines to February 19.

- 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.).
- December 2017 data submissions

Note: The deadline to attest to Improvement Activities has been extended until February 28.

Selecting 90-day reporting period for MIPS Quality Component and Improvement Activities in NACOR dashboard

Practices electing to report for a 90-consecutive day period can select the specific date range in the NACOR dashboard. Click [here](#) for instructions. AQI updated the NACOR dashboard to include a separate 90-day reporting period for the Quality Component and Improvement Activities. Practices who have already attested to their activities must go into the dashboard and select their date ranges for the Improvement Activities by February 28.

For both individual and group reporting options, clinicians can attest to 2017 Improvement Activities using the provider list in the NACOR dashboard. As NACOR participants, practices can attest to activity IA_PSPA_1: Participation in an AHRQ-listed patient safety organization. This is a medium-weighted activity worth 10 points. In this [step-by-step tutorial](#), clinicians learn how to select the Improvement Activity to which they will attest.

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 quality reporting data to CMS if the consent form is not complete by February 28. For more information email [Margaret Bussan](mailto:Margaret.Bussan).

Submit all measures under MIPS

Last year AQI helped practices choose their best nine measures for PQRS because reporting more than nine measures could have adversely affected the Value Modifier. For 2017 MIPS reporting, **this is no longer true**. Reporting more than the required six measures may benefit your group if you report more than one outcome measure or high-priority measure. CMS will choose the best six measures and evaluate any additional measures appropriately to achieve the best score for the MIPS Quality Component based on data submitted. For more information, refer to the [MIPS Scoring 101 Guide](#).

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

02/19/2018	All Data Submissions; In NACOR Dashboard: CMS Opt-Out TIN/NPI Reconciliation Improvement Activity Attestation
02/28/2018	Individual Quality Reporting Consent Submission Improvement Activity Attestation
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.