



# NACOR Vendor News

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## QPP 2018 Proposed Rule aims to increase reporting criteria

Practices electing the designated Pick-Your-Pace partial year reporting option in 2017 should expect to submit data for a majority of the 2018 patients to which the MIPS Quality Component measures apply. The Pick-Your-Pace option will **not be** available in 2018. Reporting Improvement Activities attestations and Advancing Care Information data will most likely require a 90-day reporting period. ASA expects that the QPP Final Rule will be released in late October 2017. For more information, visit the [Quality Payment Program Website](#).

## 2017 MIPS reporting for 90 consecutive days: Final deadline is October 2

Practices electing the partial year reporting option for MIPS must report on six measures, including one outcome measure, for 90 consecutive days to earn a neutral or small positive payment adjustment. The final 90-day period to start collecting data is October 2. For more information, visit the [Quality Payment Program website](#).

## Preventing common data file errors

Since the transition to the new data submission portal with ePreop, AQI has identified the following common errors that result in data files failing validation:

### 1. File Naming Convention

The following identifiers are **required** for proper formatting:

- a. PID – Your AQI Practice ID number must have a minimum of three characters. If your practice ID is less than three characters, use 0 to complete the file name.
- b. .xml – This is the file extension

The following additional identifiers are **recommended**:

- c. Practice name (or abbreviation)
- d. DOSSTART – The first date of service in your data file
- e. DOSEND – The last date of service in your data file

**A complete example using both required and recommended elements:** Practice NAME\_PID(AQI ID#)\_DOSSTART(20170701)\_DOSEND(20170731).xml

**If you are submitting a test file:** Practice NAME\_PID(AQI ID#)\_DOSSTART(20170701)\_DOSEND(20170731\_\_TEST(Y)).xml

### 2. Using the 2017 NACOR XML Specifications

- a. **2017 Specifications** – AQI posted updated [NACOR XML Specifications](#) for data submissions in 2017. The 2016 NACOR XML specifications will no longer validate. Please review [changes to the schema](#) for the complete list of updates.
- b. **Email Set Type** – Email Set was added to the 2017 schema. If you receive this error message you need to add the following to your data file:
  - i. Email notification first name

- ii. Email notification last name
- iii. Email Notification address

3. **Deleting and Replacing a file:** To delete and reload a file use the value highlighted below:

```
<xs:simpleType name="AQIXMLVersionType" >  
  <xs:restriction base="xs:string">  
    <xs:enumeration value="2017V1.0"/>  
    <xs:enumeration value="2017V1.0R"/>  
  </xs:restriction>  
</xs:simpleType>
```

The R notifies ArborMetrix to delete and replace the data in the file. For questions about the schema or the data file errors, email [nacorsupport@arbormetrix.com](mailto:nacorsupport@arbormetrix.com).

### **Vendor reminder**

NACOR vendors should discontinue using the term “preferred vendor” on their websites. Please remove any reference to “preferred vendor.” Contact [Gerard Tarafa](#) to verify if your AQI vendor agreement is complete.