AQI Quality Reporting Office Hours

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MIPS Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances Policy Reminder

- For 2018, MIPS ECs and groups affected by extreme and uncontrollable circumstances may submit a request for reweighting of all MIPS categories
  - Extreme and uncontrollable circumstances would cause you to be unable to collect information necessary to submit for a performance category, or to submit information that would be used to score a performance category for an extended period of time (for example, 3 months unable to collect data for the Quality performance category).
  - Intended to address those affected by recent natural disasters
- The deadline to submit a request for 2018 is **December 31, 2018**
- Learn more: [https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/exception-applications](https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/exception-applications)
2019 Final Rule

The Final Rule on the Quality Payment Program (QPP) 2019 was released on November 1, 2018

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) are focusing on:

• Reducing clinician burden
• Identifying “meaningful” measures for the program
• Ramping up requirements across components
• Restructuring the Promoting Interoperability component
2019 MIPS Eligibility

Do you have to report MIPS?

- Not first year enrolled in Medicare
- Not significantly participating in Advanced APMs
- Exceeds Low Volume Threshold – *new criterion added*

**2018**

- Bills at least **$90,000** Medicare Part B charges
- **AND**
- Sees **200** Medicare Part B patients in a year

**2019**

- Bills at least **$90,000** Medicare Part B charges
- **AND**
- Sees **200** Medicare Part B patients in a year
- **AND**
- Provides **200** or more covered professional services under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS)
Opting-In

- Clinicians and groups that meet or exceed at least ONE of the low-volume threshold criteria, but not all have the opportunity to “opt-in” to MIPS beginning in 2019

- Those who choose to opt-in are subject to positive, neutral and negative payment adjustments

- **Voluntary Reporting:** If clinicians or groups do not meet any of the low-volume threshold criteria they can report MIPS voluntarily, however they will NOT be eligible for a payment adjustment

**2019**

- Bills at least $90,000 Medicare Part B charges
- AND
- Sees 200 Medicare Part B patients in a year
- AND
- Provides 200 or more covered professional services under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS)
2019 MIPS Components

- Quality Component weight continues to decrease
- Cost Component still not applicable to most anesthesia providers
- Improvement Activities requirements remain unchanged
- Advancing Care Information (ACI) rebranded to Promoting Interoperability (PI)
- Payment adjustment + / - 7%
- Component weights may change based on clinician special status
Quality Component – Anesthesiology Set

The 2019 MIPS Anesthesiology Measure Set was finalized to include 7 measures:

1. MIPS #44: CABG: Preoperative Beta-Blocker in Patients with Isolated CABG Surgery
2. MIPS #76: Prevention of CVC-Related Bloodstream Infections*
3. MIPS #402: Tobacco Use and Help with Quitting Among Adolescents
4. MIPS #404: Anesthesiology Smoking Abstinence* (Intermediate Outcome)
5. MIPS #424: Perioperative Temperature Management* (Outcome)
6. MIPS #426: Post-Anesthetic Transfer of Care Measure: Procedure Room to PACU* - REMOVED
7. MIPS #427: Post-Anesthetic Transfer of Care Measure: Procedure Room to ICU* - REMOVED
8. MIPS #430: Prevention of PONV - Combination Therapy*
9. MIPS #463: Prevention of Post-Operative Vomiting (POV) – Combination Therapy (Pediatrics)*

* designates a "high priority" measure
Performance Threshold and Payment Adjustment

2018
15 point threshold
Exceptional performer at 70 points
Payment adjustment at +/- 5%

2019
30 point threshold
Exceptional performer at 75 points
Payment adjustment at +/- 7%
Resources

- QPP Resource Library
  • https://qpp.cms.gov/about/resource-library

- MIPS Eligibility Tool
  • https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup

- ASA MACRA webpage
  • https://www.asahq.org/macra

- AQI Quality Reporting Materials
  • https://www.aqihq.org/MACRAOverview.aspx

- QPP Help Desk
  • QPP@cms.hhs.gov

- ASA MACRA Memo
  • https://www.asahq.org/macra/solutionsresources/educationpublications/macramemo
## 2018 Quality Reporting Deadlines

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Arbor Metrix Updates

- Arbor Metrix has released provider list updates to better assist AQI champions in accurately updating their provider lists.
- When selecting a single provider from a provider list, AQI champions now have the ability to select one of the following provider “status”:

  **Active:** Provider is active or was active for the quality reporting year.

  **Inactive:**

  **Removed:** Provider is no longer at practice, has no data to submit.
Facility List Audits

- The AQI facility list audit is still in progress
  - We are aiming to reduce the number of unused and duplicate facilities in order to clean up the benchmarking data
- Facility lists are important because it allows AQI champions to review benchmarking data and view performance of the practice facilities
- To ensure your facility list is up to date, please review the instructions on how to update your facility list here: Auditing your Facility List (PDF)
- If you have any questions, please email erika.kalb@asahq.org.
Data File Email Reminders

- AQI began sending email notification reminders to AQI champions in October
- Reminders will be sent every other week until the final deadline (2/15/19)
- Notifies AQI champions if no data files have been submitted to NACOR for 2018 or a new data file has been uploaded.
  - If a new file has been uploaded review the NACOR dashboard prior to deadlines so you have an opportunity to review any errors and correct them in a timely manner
- Please contact your AQI Account Manager if you have any questions or would like to review your dashboard results.
Data Merging and Formatting

- Services are available for practices who need merging, formatting or both merging and formatting of their data files.
- Registration deadline is **12/15/18**
- If interested email askaqi@asahq.org or contact your AQI Account Manager
Next Quality Reporting Office Hours

Tuesday, December 11th
11 AM CT

Registration Link:

https://asahq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NPNtdGm3ThGVekJILipoag
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