Quality Reporting Office Hours

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Agenda

AQI

- 2018 MIPS Scores
- NACOR Dashboard
- Lessons Learned from Reconciliation
- Provider List Clean Up

QRA

- 2017 MIPS Experience Report
- Opting In vs Voluntary reporting
- Internal Improvement Measures
AQI - 2018 MIPS Scores

- CMS will be releasing final 2018 MIPS scores in July 2019
- Current scores in the CMS portal may not be reflective of your final MIPS score.
- Practice will need a HARP account in order to access the preliminary and final scores in the Quality Payment Program Portal.
  - CMS Video on creating a QPP Account
AQI – NACOR Dashboard

- Dashboard was unlocked April 8, 2019
- Make updates to your provider and facility lists
- 2019 Updates
  - NACOR Basic Reports
  - Data Completeness Reports
  - 2019 CMS Quality Reports will not be available until transition to new dashboard
2018 Lessons Learned from Reconciliation

Groups who practice in a care team model but do not employ the CRNAs should make sure the billing/software company does not submit the CRNA data to AQI/NACOR.

Update your provider list
- Use the remove function

Locum Tenens – should not appear in your data if the billing is done correctly. Locums should be billed using the NPI for the provider they are covering and the Q6 modifier.
AQI – Provider List Clean Up

- Important to review providers lists quarterly
  - NPI numbers are inserted in the list based upon NPIs in the data file
  - Proactively identify errors prior to CMS submission and reconciliation
- Any providers who have left or retired from your practice prior to 1/1/19 should be removed
  - Select Provider List
  - Select a provider – edit provider screen
  - Scroll down the page to Status
  - Click on arrow for drop down menu
  - Select Remove
CMS released its 2017 Quality Payment Program experience report in March. It includes general information on eligibility, performance and other metrics across the MIPS program in reporting year 2017.


  ○ Includes some general information by specialty
Opting In vs. Voluntary Reporting

- You can **opt-in** to MIPS if you are an eligible clinician or group who exceeds 1 or 2 (but not all 3) of the low-volume threshold criteria during either review period. If you are an eligible clinician or group who opts-in to MIPS, you will receive a MIPS final score and a payment adjustment in 2021.

- You can **voluntarily report** if you are a clinician or group that is not MIPS eligible. If you report voluntarily, you will receive a MIPS final score but no 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)
Internal Improvement Measures

Updated Internal Improvement Measures available **NOW!**


These are additional, **optional** measures for reporting for tracking quality metrics not used for MIPS or sent to CMS

New additions include:

- Post-Anesthetic Transfer of Care Measure: Procedure Room to a Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU)
- Post-Anesthetic Transfer of Care: Use of Checklist or Protocol for Direct Transfer of Care from Procedure Room to Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- New Corneal Injury Not Diagnosed Prior to Discharge
- Geriatric Cognitive Assessment
- Lung-Protective Ventilation during General Anesthesia
- Ambulatory-specific measures – **NEW!**
Updated Resources

- QPP Resource Library
  - [https://qpp.cms.gov/about/resource-library](https://qpp.cms.gov/about/resource-library)

- MIPS Eligibility Tool
  - [https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup](https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup)

- ASA MACRA webpage – *up to date with 2019 information*
  - [https://www.asahq.org/macra](https://www.asahq.org/macra)

- AQI Quality Reporting Materials
  - [https://www.aqihq.org/MACRAOverview.aspx](https://www.aqihq.org/MACRAOverview.aspx)

- Latest measure specs + corrections

- QPP Help Desk
  - QPP@cms.hhs.gov
Questions and comments on quality measures and regulatory information (e.g. reporting requirements, CMS regulation) should be sent to Quality and Regulatory Affairs staff.

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Q&A
Next Office Hours

Tuesday, May 14, 2019
11am CST

Registration Link:
https://asahq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B_76YfrrRH6S-tBxxfYERQ

If you have any topics that you would like us to cover during office hours please email askaqi@asahq.org

Slides and a recording of today’s presentation will be available on the AQI website the week of April 15th