

Quality Reporting Office Hours

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Agenda



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- Quality Payment Program Updates (2019)
- Quality Payment Program Updates (2020)
 - MIPS Quality Measures (benchmarks not released yet)
 - QCDR Quality Measures (benchmarks not released yet)
 - Improvement Activities
- QPP and ASA Resource Updates

➤ **AQI Update**

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- Data Auditing
- Resource Tab
- Providers List Updates
- AQI Practice Audits

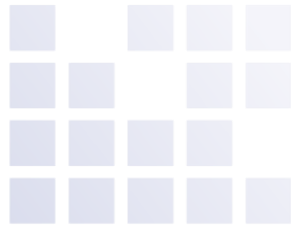
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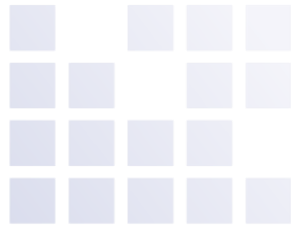
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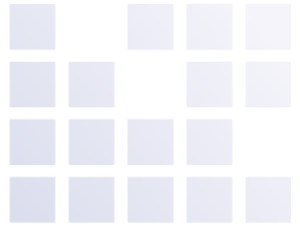
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Quality Payment Program 2019 Updates (Regulatory)

- Hardship Exception for 2019 for Promoting Interoperability (Dec. 31, 2019)
 - <https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/exception-applications>
 - If you are already exempt from reporting Promoting Interoperability, you do **NOT** need to complete a hardship exemption form
 - Check your 2019 participation status

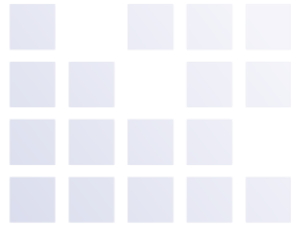


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Quality Payment Program 2020 Updates

2020 MIPS Clinical Quality Measures have been posted!

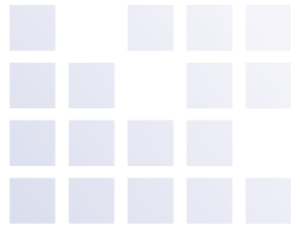
- Visit <https://qpp.cms.gov/about/resource-library> to download MIPS quality measure specifications
- Anesthesiology Measure Set includes MIPS Measures:
 - 44, 76, 404, 424, 430, 463, **477 (New)**
- AQI NACOR is also supporting non-Anesthesiology Measure Set (e.g. for pain medicine physicians):
 - MIPS 47, 128, 130, 154, 155, 182, 226, 317, 404, 408, 412, 414, 468
 - **MIPS 131 has been retired by CMS**



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Quality Payment Program 2020 Updates

- QCDR Quality Measures have not been posted (12/9/2019)
 - CMS is reviewing AQI NACOR's posting information
 - Expect posting of QCDR book in next two weeks
- QCDR measures are expected to be released in the next few weeks
 1. Expect retirement of AQI63 and AQI64
 2. Expect minor changes to measure specifications, CPT coding, etc.

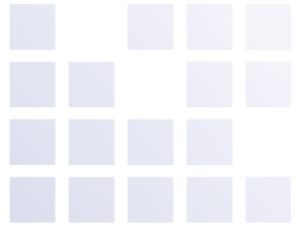


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Quality Payment Program 2020 Updates

- Improvement Activities Reminder
 - Validation criteria have not yet been created (December 9, 2019)
 - Attest to 50% of all *NPIs* in the group
 - Complete activities for 90-day period
 - Maintain documentation for six years

- Start preparing for your improvement activities once the validation criteria have been released.



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Where to find regulatory and measure information:

- **Now:** CMS Resource Library: <https://qpp.cms.gov/about/resource-library>
 - Rule, fact sheets and press release
 - MIPS Clinical Quality Measure specifications

- **By mid-December (expected)**
 - CMS publish IA Validation Criteria
 - CMS publish QR and QCDR qualified postings
 - ASA MACRA Webpage updates: www.asahq.org/macra
 - AQI QCDR Measure Specifications: www.aqihq.org
 - Regulatory information specific to anesthesiology
 - Unclear when CMS will post 2020 quality measure benchmarks

Contact Quality and Regulatory Affairs (QRA)



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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<https://www.asahq.org/quality-and-practice-management/quality-and-regulatory-affairs>

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2019 NACOR Quality Reporting Deadlines

First deadline is January 31, 2020

The following items are due on this date:

- Data from January through November 2019. Practices are encouraged to upload data files prior to the deadline to allow time for review, and to submit corrected files if any errors are identified.
- Attesting to 2019 Improvement Activities (including date ranges that the activities were performed)
- Reconciliation of provider lists ensuring all NPIs are assigned the proper provider type (MD-Anesthesia, CRNA, DO, AA, SRNA, Resident, etc.)
- CMS Opt-Out for providers who are reporting as individuals
- Provider consents for clinicians reporting as individuals

Final deadline is February 14, 2020

Submission of December 2019 data and any corrected files

For more information, email askaqi@asahq.org.

Data Auditing

Benefits of auditing

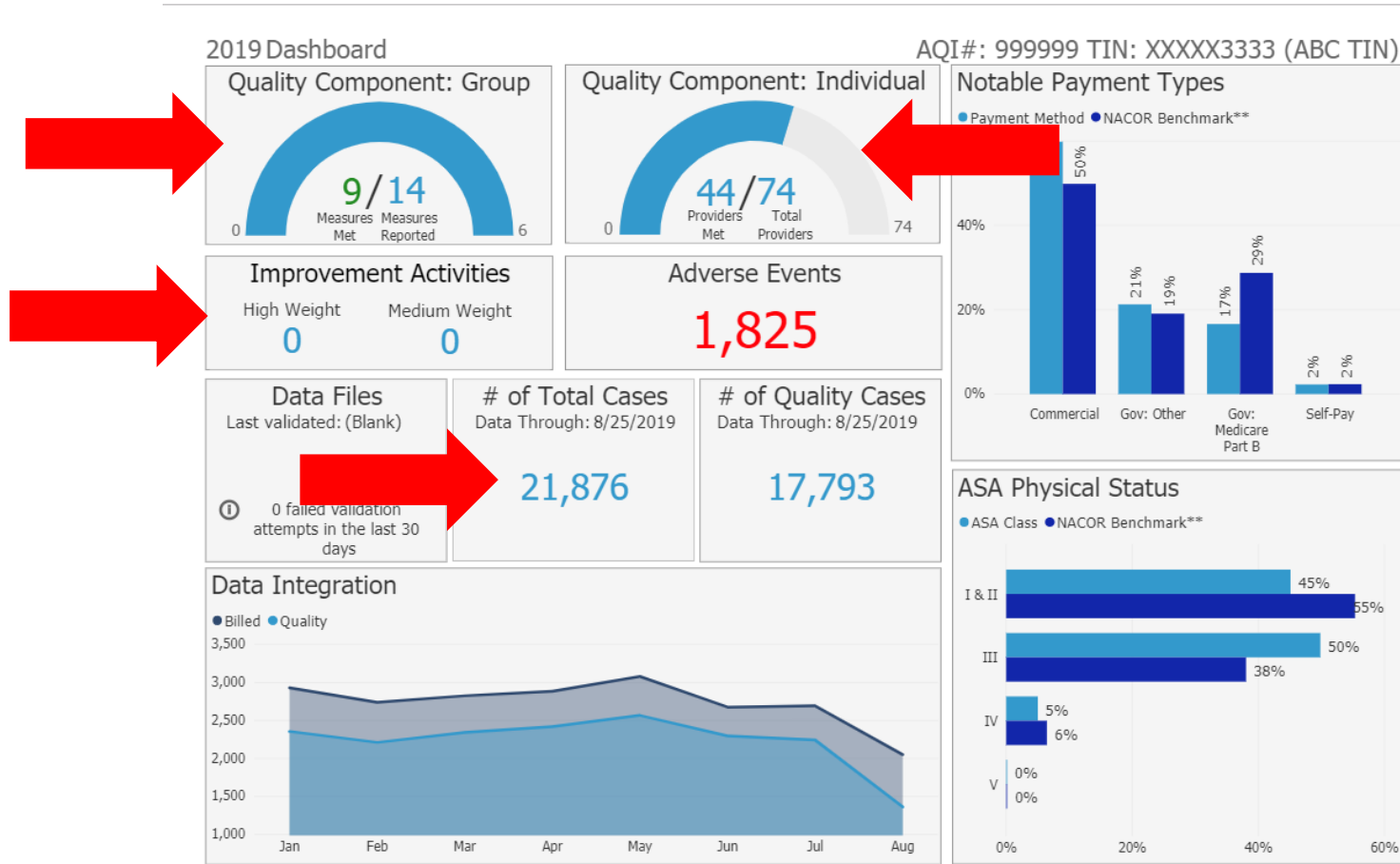
- Checks the accuracy and completeness of your data
- Allows you to identify measure gaps
- Monitor provider's performance in meeting the reporting requirements
- Verify TIN and NPIs

Utilize the NACOR dashboard reports

- **Total Number of Cases and Total Number of Cases with Quality Codes:** Quick glance of how many cases were submitted per month, breaks down the number of cases with billing and quality data.
- **Provider Performance List:** Quick look at how each measure is being reported and the corresponding performance rate (how many cases are meeting the measure performance)
- **TIN Performance Summary:** Shows how many providers meet CMS requirements based on the data that is submitted (important for practices who are reporting as individuals).

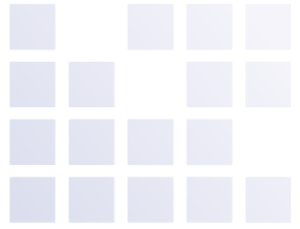
If issues are identified allows time to correct and resubmit data prior to CMS data submission deadlines

Auditing – Start with the Dashboard

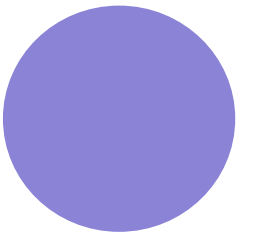


**NACOR Benchmark does not imply CMS success.

Provider List Updates

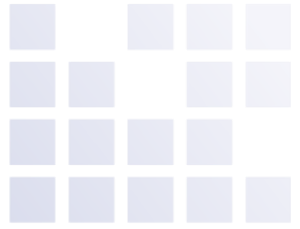


- As we near the end of the MIPS reporting year, it is important that practice champions take the time to audit their provider lists
- Updating your list makes your practice reports easier to understand, clears up clutter and assists with the reconciliation billing process that will occur after the new year
 - Can inactivate and disable providers that have left the practice or that you are not reporting on
- Please refer to this guide to audit your provider lists:
 - [Updating Provider Lists on the NACOR Dashboard \(PDF\)](#)

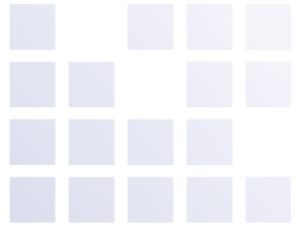




AQI Practice Audits



- To remain in good standing as a Qualified Registry and Qualified Clinical Data Registry, AQI's NACOR registry is required to submit an annual data validation plan to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). To help ensure continued compliance with CMS data validation standards, AQI is incorporating a self-audit requirement for randomly selected NACOR practices.
- AQI will **randomly select 15 cases** for practices to audit. Practices that have been selected for self-audit will be **notified via email in the next two weeks** and receive a Self-Audit User Guide and instructions on how to access the audit forms.
- Audits to be completed within **30 days of receipt**.



New Resource Tab

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- Dashboard
- Quality Measures
- Data
- Data Export
- Historic Submissions
- Resources**
- Admin
- Account

QCDR - Group

Resources

User Guides

- [Administrative](#)
- [IA Attestation Instructions](#)
- [Reports](#)
- [Data Submission](#)



Next Office Hours



January 14, 2020
11am CST

To register click [here](#)

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please email askaqi@asahq.org

Slides and a recording of today's presentation will be available on the AQI
website the week of October 14th