

# July Quality Reporting Office Hours

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# Agenda

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## QRA

- 2023 Quality Payment Program Proposed Rule released
- 2023 QCDR/QR Self-nomination period
- Participate in the 2022 Conversion Factor Survey

## AQI

- 2021 MIPS Score Preview Window
- NACOR Registration
- ASA Membership Renewal
- Improvement Activity
- 2022 Quality Reporting Deadlines

# AQI Office Hours: July 2022

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# 2023 Quality Payment Program Proposed Rule



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## Key Policy Proposals:

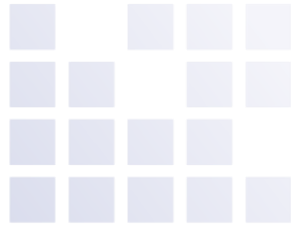
- No changes to current category weights in Traditional MIPS (Quality – 30%, Improvement Activities – 15%, Cost – 30%, Promoting Interoperability – 25%)
- Data completeness threshold is proposed to increase to 75% for 2024 and 2025 performance periods, it REMAINS 70% for 2023 performance year.
- Performance threshold has been kept at 75 points

# 2023 Quality Payment Program Proposed Rule



## Key Quality Measure **Proposals**:

- CMS is proposing to expand the definition of a high-priority measure to include health equity-related quality measures.
- QID076 - Prevention of Central Venous Catheter (CVC) – Related Bloodstream Infections was removed from the Anesthesiology Specialty Set
  - CMS is proposing to replace this measure with Screening for Social Drivers of Health which is stewarded by the Physician Foundation
- QID463 – Prevention of Post-operative Vomiting (POV) – Combination Therapy (Pediatrics) – Approved with substantive changes (alignment with new clinical guidance).
- The Patient Safety and Support of Positive Experiences with Anesthesia MVP is proposed to be finalized with minor modifications to the Improvement Activities (IA\_PSPA\_20 removed and IA\_PCMH added).



# 2023 Self-nomination Period

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QRA is currently collecting QCDR measure information to submit to CMS for the 2023 performance year. This nomination period is open until September 1, 2022

# 2022 Conversion Factor Survey of Commercial Payment Rates



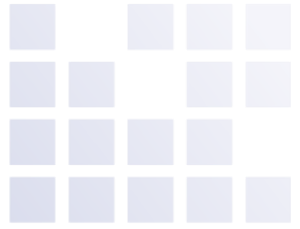
ASA invites you to participate in the 2022 Conversion Factor Survey of Commercial Payment Rates

For additional information and to complete the survey please visit the ASA Website to view the Washington Alert: <https://www.asahq.org/advocacy-and-asapac/fda-and-washington-alerts/washington-alerts/2022/06/2022-asa-conversion-factor-survey>

Survey is open until: 9 a.m. Eastern Time July 28, 2022

# 2022 AQPSM – Virtual Meeting

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## Anesthesia Quality and Patient Safety Meeting - ONLINE

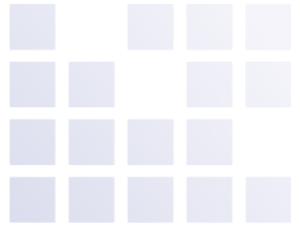
When: July 22-23, 2022

- Fundamentals of Quality – Friday
- Quality and Patient Safety – Saturday

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[Register](#)





# Contact Quality and Regulatory Affairs

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- 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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# AQI Update

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# 2021 MIPS Score Preview Window

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) opened the Final Score Preview period for the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).
  - Clinicians and other authorized representatives of groups are now able to view their MIPS final scores for 2021 on the [Quality Payment Program \(QPP\) website](#).
  - CMS will release final 2023 payment adjustment information (based upon a group's 2021 performance) in August 2022.
- The Final Score Preview will provide anesthesia groups access to performance feedback and the data used to calculate final MIPS scores and payment adjustments. Data includes MIPS performance category-level scores and weights, bonus points, measure-level performance data and scores, and activity-level scores. ASA encourages any members participating in MIPS to review their data and check its accuracy before payment adjustments are calculated.
- For more details, CMS provided an [FAQ document](#) on the Final Score Preview period.
- To contact CMS with any questions on the MIPS scores or to report any errors in the data, the Quality Payment Program can be reached at 1-866-288-8292 (Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. ET) or by e-mail at: [QPP@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:QPP@cms.hhs.gov)
- Please contact the Anesthesia Quality Institute at [askaqi@asahq.org](mailto:askaqi@asahq.org) or the ASA Department of Quality and Regulatory Affairs at [gra@asahq.org](mailto:gra@asahq.org) with any further questions.

# 2022 NACOR Registration

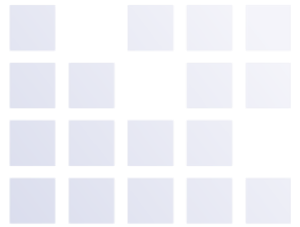
- Quality reporting practices can complete the enrollment process for the Anesthesia Quality Institute's (AQI) 2022 NACOR Quality Reporting by completing the [2022 online order form](#).
- NACOR is a designated QR and QCDR for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Quality Payment Program.
  - Practices who can only report MIPS measures should register for the Qualified Registry.
- Practices participating with AQI's Quality Concierge **do not need to register**.
- For more information or questions about the order form, please email [askaqi@asahq.org](mailto:askaqi@asahq.org).
  - As a reminder current NACOR practices should use their AQI assigned practice ID (PID) when completing the form.



# 2022 ASA Membership Deadline

- ASA Membership Deadline is October 1, 2022
- Did your providers renew their 2022 ASA membership?
  - Please email the [askaqi@asahq.org](mailto:askaqi@asahq.org) to verify
- Please make sure your members renew their ASA membership prior to the above deadline or they will be charged the NACOR non-member fee for 2022
  - This includes participants for NACOR Basic, Benchmarking, and Quality Reporting

# Improvement Activities Category



Improvement Activities component is still 15% of the total MIPS score



ECs/groups must complete activities worth 40 points

High Weighted Activities worth **20 points**

Medium Weighted Activities worth **10 points**



For groups to attest to an activity at least 50% of the clinicians (in the group) must perform the same activity during any continuous 90-day period, or as specified in the activity description, within the same performance period



Special reweighting for the following providers: Small, rural, HPSA and non-patient-facing ECs/groups

High Weighted Activities worth **40 points**

Medium Weighted Activities worth **20 points**



Perform activities for minimum of **90 consecutive days and maintain documentation for six years**



Complete attestation through NACOR dashboard

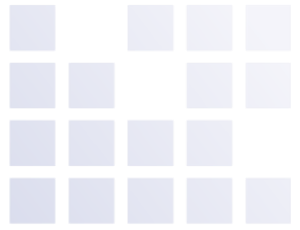
# 2022 Improvement Activities Available in AQI NACOR



- In 2022 AQI NACOR is supporting 58 Improvement Activities (IA) representative of all activity types
- For a full list of these activities and their titles, please visit:
  - [https://www.aqihq.org/files/MIPS/2022/2022\\_AQI\\_Supported\\_Improvement\\_Activities.pdf](https://www.aqihq.org/files/MIPS/2022/2022_AQI_Supported_Improvement_Activities.pdf)

**Important Note:** AQI NACOR cannot accept attestations for Improvement Activities that are not supported. If there is an IA that the practice would like to report that is not supported by NACOR you can still attest to it via Quality Payment Program HARP account.

- For additional information on Improvement Activities please visit:
  - <https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/app-improvement-activities>



# 2022 Quality Reporting Deadlines

Date	Deadline
January 31, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submission of January - November 2022 data</li><li>• Individual Quality Reporting Consent Submission</li><li>• Improvement Activity Attestation</li><li>• CMS opt-out for Individual Reporting</li><li>• TIN/NPI Reconciliation</li></ul>
February 15, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submission of December 2022 data and any corrected files</li></ul>



# Next Office Hours

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