Agenda

Quality and Regulatory Affairs
- Opting In
- 2020 QCDR Measure Updates

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- Data Warehouse transition
- 2019 XML Schema
- 2018 MIPS Final Scores
- 2019 NACOR Reporting Registration
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.

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**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)
2020 QCDR Measure Updates

- QRA and AQI staff are beginning the annual update process for QCDR measure specifications for 2020
- Annual chance to correct typos, clarify measure language, update supporting evidence, etc.
- If you have feedback you would like considered during the 2020 update, please email qra@asahq.org by July 1.
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted the following new resources to the Quality Payment Program (QPP) Resource Library:

- **Participating in QPP in 2019 Infographic** – Describes how to check your QPP participation status; basic requirements for participating in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs), and MIPS APMs; and key dates for 2019 participation.

- **2019 MIPS Eligibility Decision Tree** – Uses a series of questions to help clinicians determine if they are eligible for MIPS in 2019 based on factors such as clinician type, when they enrolled in Medicare, and the low-volume threshold.

- **2019 MIPS Specialty Guides** – Highlights specific MIPS measures and activities that may apply to the following specialties: clinical psychologists, physical therapists and occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists and audiologists, registered dietitian and nutrition professionals, anesthesiologists and certified nurse anesthetists, and primary care clinicians.

- **2018 MIPS Eligibility Redetermination Fact Sheet** – Provides information for practices with clinicians that started billing under the TIN between September 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018, and for practices with MIPS eligible clinicians who left the practice during the 2018 performance year.

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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NACOR Data Warehouse Transition

Key topics for the Data Warehouse Transition

• **June 21:** Last day to make changes to the practice, provider and facility lists in the current dashboard.

• **June 22:** Current dashboard locked. Reports will still be accessible.

• **July 1:**
  - Current NACOR dashboard User Accounts will be imported to the new dashboard. Users will receive an email to reset their passwords to gain access to the new dashboard.
  - Help desk tickets should be sent to NACORSupport@asahq.org.
  - Practices and vendors can continue to upload data files to https://nacor.ePreop.com.
  - No changes to the data validation email. Data submitters will continue to receive data validation email as normal.
  - Changes to the practice, provider, and facility lists will resume in the new dashboard.
2019 XML Schema Changes

Effective July 1\textsuperscript{st} all submissions will be required to use the 2019 XML updates:

- Updated "Copyright (C) 2018" to "Copyright (C) 2019"
- Removed AQIXMLVersionType enumeration "2018V1.0" added AQIXMLVersionType enumeration "2019V1.0"
- Removed AQIXMLVersionType enumeration "2018V1.0R" added AQIXMLVersionType enumeration "2019V1.0R"
- Added ProviderCredentialsCodeType enumeration "Dentist Anesthesiologist"
- Added ProviderCredentialsCodeType enumeration "Dentist Anesthesiologist Resident"
- Extended OutcomeIDType maxInclusive value to 103
  - 102 = Injury related to sensory or motor deficit after local or regional anesthesia
  - 103 = Unplanned electric shock

The updated 2019 schema information and an XML validation are posted on the [Aqi website](https://example.com). For more information email [AskAQI@asahq.org](mailto:AskAQI@asahq.org)
2018 Final MIPS Scores

Per the Quality Payment Program website (https://qpp.cms.gov):

- **July 1**: Final MIPS scores will be available. Need to have a HARP account (replaces EIDM) with CMS to view results. **HARP accounts** can be obtained through the CMS enterprise portal. Click New User Application then select “PQRS: Physician Quality Reporting System” when asked to “Choose your application”
- Targeted review opens after release of the performance feedback.
- Deadline to submit a targeted review is **August 30, 2019**.
2019 NACOR Reporting Registration

- Registration is now open!
- All practices (new and returning) interested in reporting to NACOR need to complete the [2019 order form](#).
- New [pricing structure](#) for 2019
- Quality Concierge Practices do not need to register!

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Next Office Hours

Tuesday, July 9\textsuperscript{th}
11am CST

To register click [here](#).
If you have any topics that you would like us to cover during office hours please email [askaqi@asahq.org](mailto:askaqi@asahq.org)

Slides and a recording of today’s presentation will be available on the AQI website the week of June 17th.