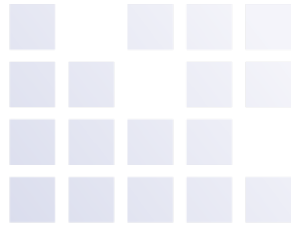


Quality Reporting Office Hours

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March 12, 2019



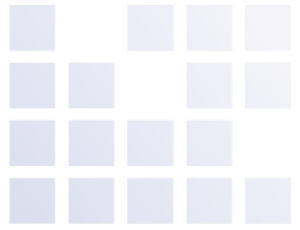
Agenda

Quality and Regulatory Affairs

- Opting In versus Voluntary Reporting
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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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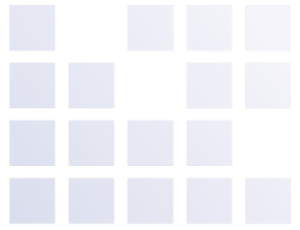
Bills at least **\$90,000**
Medicare Part B charges

AND

sees **200** Medicare Part
B patients in a year

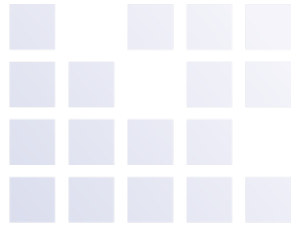
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Provides **200** or more
covered professional
services under the
Physician Fee Schedule
(PFS)



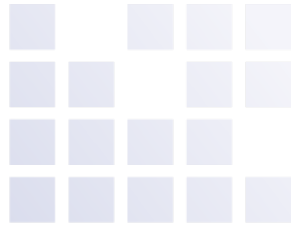
Measure FAQs: AQI59

- What do we mean by “elective” procedures?
 - AQI defines elective as “A surgical, therapeutic, or diagnostic procedure that can be performed at any time or date with an agreement between the surgeon and the patient”
 - These cases are distinct from urgent or emergent
- What if I have a denominator-eligible case that doesn’t require multimodal analgesia because pain is well-controlled with a single mode of analgesia?
 - Because we have to rely on ASA billing codes, we can’t have a perfectly precise denominator
 - We do not recommend giving additional medications that are not indicated just for the sake of meeting the measure
 - There is not an expectation of 100% performance, it only matters how you perform compared to your peers



Measure FAQs: AQI 63 and 64

- Does the denominator include depolarizing or non-depolarizing medications?
 - There was a typo in early versions of the QCDR measure book. These measures are meant to include **non-depolarizing** medications
 - A corrected version of the book has been posted on the [AQI website](#)
 - The most current version of the book is dated February 4th (version 2.1)



Updated Resources

- QPP Resource Library
 - <https://qpp.cms.gov/about/resource-library>
- MIPS Eligibility Tool
 - <https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup>
- ASA MACRA webpage – ***up to date with 2019 information***
 - <https://www.asahq.org/macra>
- AQI Quality Reporting Materials
 - <https://www.aqihq.org/MACRAOverview.aspx>
- Latest measure specs + corrections
 - https://www.aqihq.org/files/MIPS/2019/2019_QCDR_Measure_Book.pdf
 - https://www.aqihq.org/files/MIPS/2019/2019_QCDR_Measure_Book_Change_Log.pdf
- QPP Help Desk
 - QPP@cms.hhs.gov

Internal Improvement Measures – 2019 Update



- Updated Internal Improvement Measures – **COMING SOON**
- 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!**

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.

Quality and Regulatory Affairs
(qra@asahq.org)

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

2018 MIPS Data Submission

AQI is in the process of completing the data validation process and will begin submitting 2018 MIPS quality data to CMS the last week in March.

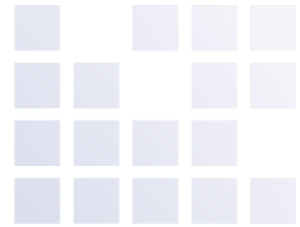
- 2018 Submission
 - 355 practices
 - 15,305 providers

Final MIPS scores will be available in July. Eligible Clinicians and Group Practices will need to have an EIDM account with CMS to view results.

EIDM 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

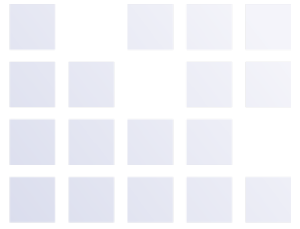


2019 NACOR Reporting Registration



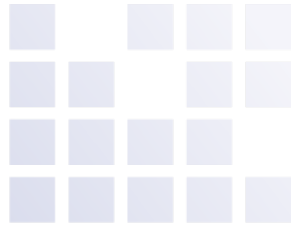
- Registration is now open!
- All practices (new and returning) interested in reporting to NACOR need to complete the [2019 order form](#).
- New [pricing structure](#) for 2019
- **Quality Concierge Practices do not need to register!**

Date	Deadline
10/31/2019	Registration
1/31/2020	Jan-Nov 2019 Data Submission
2/14/2020	2019 Final Data Submission
2/14/2020	CMS Opt-Out for Individual Reporting
2/14/2020	TIN/NPI Reconciliation
2/14/2020	Improvement Activity Attestation



2019 XML Schema Changes

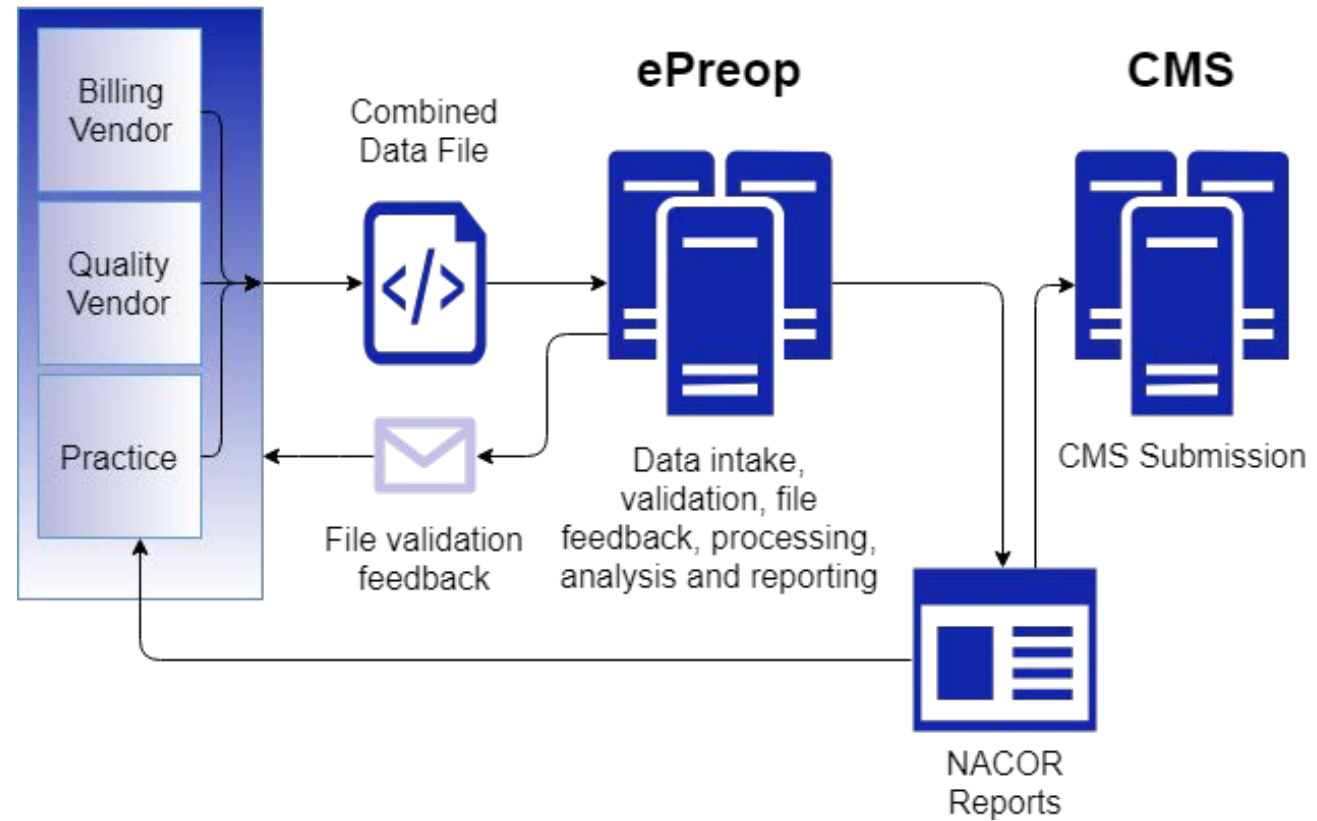
- April 15th XML Schema updates to be released
 - Only minimal changes adding optional variables, adding to existing enumerations
 - Changing AQIXMLVersion number from
 - 2018V1.0 -> 2019V1.0
 - 2018V1.0R -> 2019V1.0R
- July 1st Files will be required to use new format.
 - Most vendors will only need to change version number.

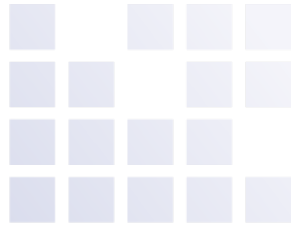


Data Warehouse Transition

- Beginning in July 2019, AQI will partner with ePreop's analytics and registry software to become NACOR's data warehouse. What does this mean for your practice?
 - No changes to the data upload process: Files will continue to be uploaded to <https://nacor.ePreop.com>
 - No changes to the data validation email: Data submitters will continue to receive data validation email as normal
 - Clinicians and practices enrolled in 2018 MIPS reporting and NACOR Basic services will continue to access NACOR dashboard reports through ArborMetrix through the end of June
 - Clinicians and practices that enroll in 2019 MIPS reporting and NACOR Basic will gain access to a new dashboard provided by ePreop currently in development

AQI NACOR Data Flow Chart





Next Office Hours

Tuesday, April 9th
11am CST

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 March 18th

Q&A

