

# Quality Reporting Office Hours

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- Improvement Activity Dashboard Enhancements
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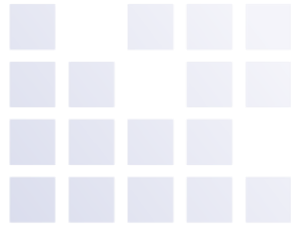
# Quality and Regulatory Affairs Update

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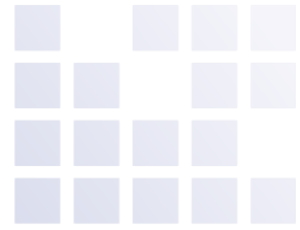
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# QRA General Announcements

- **Reminder:** The last 90-day period to start an Improvement Activity for 2020 was October 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **2021 QR/QCDR Nomination was submitted to CMS**
  - The same measures were submitted for 2021 that were available for reporting in 2020.
  - We submitted 5 additional measures to support for 2021
    - Intraoperative Hypotension
    - Ambulatory Glucose Management
    - Intraoperative Antibiotic Redosing
    - Perioperative Anemia Management
    - Prevention of Arterial Line-related Bloodstream Infection
  - We expect CMS to make a decision in the next month or two
- **CMS released the 2021 Proposed Rule:**
  - MIPS threshold of 50 MIPS points for performance year (PY) 2021
    - The Quality performance category to be weighted at 40% (5% decrease from PY 2020)
    - The Cost performance category to be weighted at 20% (5% increase from PY 2020)
    - The Promoting Interoperability performance category to be weighted at 25% (no change from PY 2020)
    - The Improvement Activities performance category to be weighted at 15% (no change from PY 2020)
  - No proposed changes to MIPS anesthesiology measures or the MIPS anesthesiology measure set
  - MIPS Value Pathways (MVPs) is proposed to be implemented in performance year 2022. There are no proposed MVPs this year. CMS is encouraging the development of MVPs that span across specialties.
  - Quality measure benchmarks may be scored based upon current year data for 2021. CMS felt that COVID-19 is skewing benchmarks in the current year, making it unfair to use previous year data.

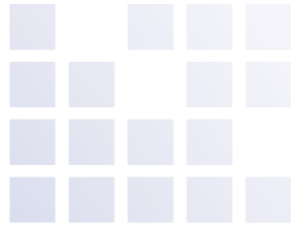
# AQI48: Patient-Reported Experience with Anesthesia - Benchmarking



- CMS has reevaluated the benchmarks that were used for determining MIPS scores for performance year 2019 for AQI48: Patient-Reported Experience with Anesthesia
- The historic benchmark used for Eligible Clinicians (ECs) and their groups when scoring 2019 performance was based off of the 2017 version of the measure.
  - In 2017, AQI48 measured the “Percentage of patients, aged 18 and older, who were surveyed on their patient experience and satisfaction with anesthesia care.
  - In 2019, ECs and groups reported a different measure – the “Percentage of patients aged 18 and older, who were surveyed on their patient experience and satisfaction with anesthesia care **and** who reported a positive experience.”
- ASA believes using 2019 data for benchmarking will improve the scores of most anesthesiologists and their groups.
  - A targeted review was not required for this re-scoring.

# Timeline of Upcoming CMS Announcements

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## Late November:

- Final Rule Release (if not early December)
- CMS to release final approval of measures for 2021

## December:

- CMS to approve measures for 2021
- ASA MACRA website will be updated
- QPP MIPS Specifications will be published



# QRA Poll – We’d like to hear from you!

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- Quality and Regulatory Affairs would like to hear from you about measure selection.

\*Launch Poll\*



# 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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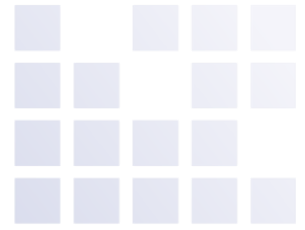
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# 2020 NACOR Reporting Registration Deadline

- Deadline to register is Friday, *October 30, 2020*
- A registration form is required for practices registering for Basic, Benchmarking and Quality.
- **Quality Concierge practices do not need to register.**
- [Registration Form](#)
- [2020 Fees](#)

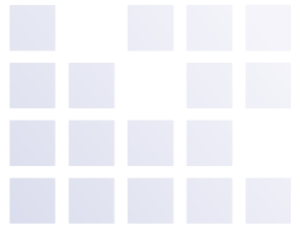


# Dashboard Enhancement- Improvement Activity Attestation for Group Reporting



- The Improvement Activity list has been temporarily removed from the NACOR Dashboard while enhancements are made for the 2020 reporting year. Once the updates are completed practices will be notified and provided instructions on how to attest. Email [askaqi@asahq.org](mailto:askaqi@asahq.org) with questions.
  - Practices reporting as groups must 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.





# AQI Practice Audits

To remain in good standing as a Qualified Registry and Qualified Clinical Data Registry, AQI and its registry, NACOR, is required to submit an annual data validation plan to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

- Quality and Improvement Activity Components will be audited prior to CMS submission
  - Practices will only be audited for one of the components
- Practices will be randomly selected and notified via certified mail and email
- Audits will begin by November 1st

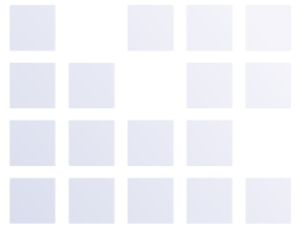




# Reporting AQI 48a & 48b

- **AQI48: Patient- Reported Experience with Anesthesia** consists of two performance rates:
  - **AQI48a:** Percentage of patients, aged 18 and older, who were surveyed on their patient experience and satisfaction with anesthesia care
  - **AQI48b:** Percentage of patients, aged 18 and older, who completed a survey on their patient experience and satisfaction with anesthesia care and who report a positive experience with anesthesia care
- In order to be scored on this measure, clinicians must report both AQI48a AND AQI48b
  - Practices only reporting AQI48a that want to receive credit for this measure should submit corrected data files. Email [askaqi@asahq.org](mailto:askaqi@asahq.org) with any questions
  - Practices using Survey Vitals need to submit their disclaimer by October 30 to Survey Vitals for data to be pulled.





# Next Office Hours

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Tuesday, November 10, 2020  
11am CST

[To register click here](#)

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