

Quality Reporting Office Hours

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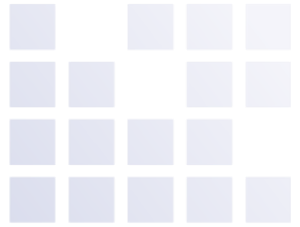
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Agenda



AQI

- 2021 ASA Membership Renewal Deadline
- 2021 Registration Deadline
- Upload Data Reminder Emails
- Improvement Activity Component
- FTP Access
- Individual Reporting Provider Consents

AQI Update

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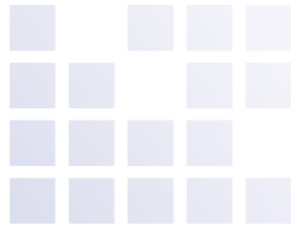


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2021 ASA Membership Renewal Deadline

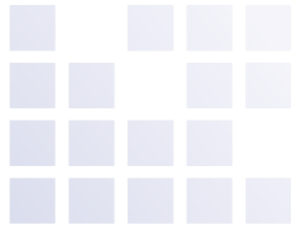
- For clinicians to receive ASA Member pricing for 2021 NACOR reporting, clinicians must have an active 2021 ASA membership.
- Final payment for AQI services is determined by 2021 ASA membership status. Physicians who do not renew will be charged the NACOR non-member rates.
- Deadline to renew membership is Friday, *October 1, 2021*. *2021 ASA Memberships must be paid by October 22, 2021.*



2021 NACOR Reporting Registration Deadline

- Deadline to register is Friday, *October 1st, 2021*
- A registration form is required for practices registering for Basic, Benchmarking and Quality.
- Quality Concierge practices **do not** need to register.
- [Registration Form](#)
- [2021 Fees](#)





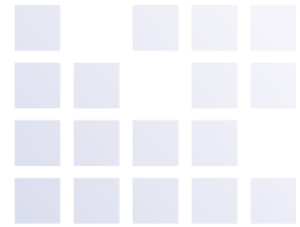
Data File Email Reminders

- AQI will begin sending email notification reminders to AQI champions in October
- Reminders will be sent every other week until the final deadline (2/14/22)
- Notifies AQI champions:
 - If no data files have been submitted to NACOR for the 2021 reporting year
 - If a new data file has been uploaded

If a new file has been uploaded review the NACOR dashboard prior to deadlines so you have an opportunity to review any errors and correct them before the final deadlines.

Please email askaqi@asahq.org if you have any questions or would like to review your dashboard results

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 days** *and maintain documentation for six years*



Complete attestation through NACOR dashboard

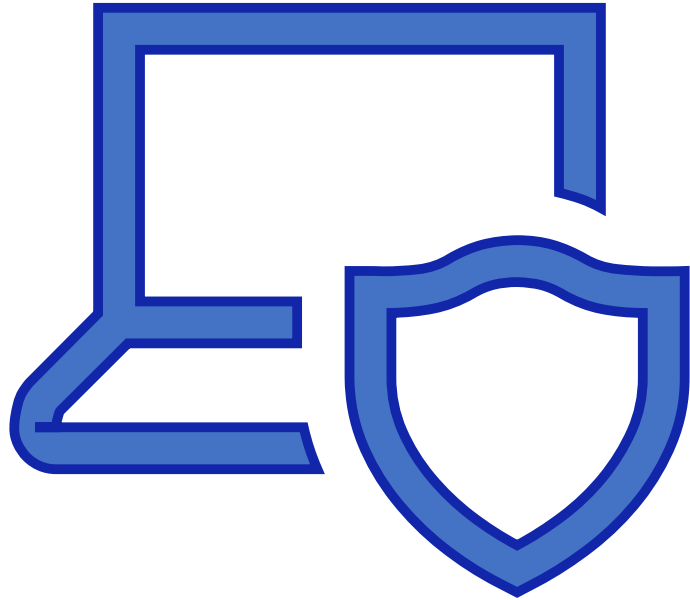
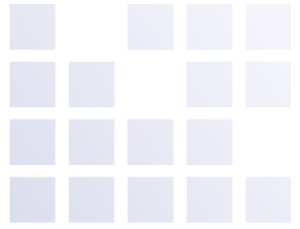
Top 5 Improvement Activities (IA) Reported in 2020

The *last* consecutive 90-day period to report an Improvement Activity begins **October 1 and ends December 31.**

For suggestions on an Improvement Activity to select see the list of Top 5 IAs that were reported by NACOR practices in 2020

IA Number	IA Name
IA_EPA_1	Provide 24/7 access to eligible clinicians or groups who have real-time access to patient's medical record.
IA_BE_13	Regularly assess the patient experience of care through surveys, advisory councils and/or other mechanisms
IA_PSPA_7	Use of QCDR data for ongoing practice assessment and improvements
IA_BE_6	Collection and follow-up on patient experience and satisfaction data on beneficiary engagement
IA_AHE_6	Provide education opportunities for new clinicians

FTP Access



- All FTP accounts are disabled if no activity occurs within a 90-day window.
- If your practice is ready to upload data and it has been >90 days since a file has been uploaded submit a help desk ticket to nacorsupport@asahq.org for your account to be enabled.
- **The FTP account has no impact** on user access for the NACOR dashboard



Individual Reporting Consents

- For practices reporting as individuals AQL is now collecting provider consents.
- Consents with missing fields will not be processed and will be sent back to the practice for corrections
- [2021 Individual Quality Reporting Consent](#)

ADDENDUM – EXHIBIT A

ELIGIBLE CLINICIAN CONSENT FORM FOR INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER QUALITY REPORTING [NOT REQUIRED FOR GROUP REPORTING]

PARTICIPANT GROUP/FACILITY MUST OBTAIN A SIGNED COPY OF THIS CONSENT FORM FROM EACH OF ITS INDIVIDUAL PRACTITIONERS THAT WILL BE REPORTING DATA AND PROMPTLY RETURN SUCH FORMS TO AQL, BUT IN NO CASE LATER THAN JANUARY 31st IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EACH CALENDAR REPORTING YEAR. THIS FORM IS NOT APPLICABLE IF PARTICIPANT HAS ELECTED TO REPORT AS A GROUP.

The undersigned clinician ("EC") represents and warrants that s/he:

- has reviewed the Addendum for Quality Reporting to the National Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes Registry Participation Agreement presented to _____ ("Group/Facility");
- voluntarily consents to the terms of the Addendum, including the submission of data on behalf of the EC by The Anesthesia Quality Institute ("AQI") to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") in accordance with the quality reporting option selected by the Group/Facility, which has been disclosed by the Group/Facility to the EC;
- has authorized the Group/Facility to consent on his/her behalf and bind him/her to the terms stated in the Addendum, including, but not limited to, the waiver and release in Section 13 of the Addendum;
- grants permission to AQL to submit this signed Consent Form to CMS in order to demonstrate compliance with CMS guidelines; and
- understands that CMS requires the public reporting of his/her data in accordance with CMS guidelines.

EC understands that this Consent Form shall remain in full force and effect unless EC provides Group/Facility with written notice of termination.

EC Name: _____ EC Individual NPI #: _____

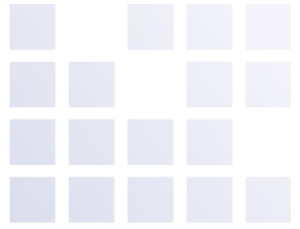
EC TIN(s) #: _____

EC Phone #: _____

EC Email Address: _____

EC Signature: _____ Signature Date: _____

Next Office Hours



Posted to the AQI website week of October 18th

If you have any topics that you would like us to cover during office hours,
please email askaqi@asahq.org