

Quality Reporting Office Hours

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Agenda

- **QRA Update**
 - Advancing Care Information Hardship Exemption
 - Group Reporting for Improvement Activities
 - QRURs and Informal Review
 - Last start date for 90-day period: **October 2, 2017**

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AQI Update

- **NACOR Dashboard Updates**
 - Summary of Updates/Enhancements
 - Improvement Activity Attestation
- **Common Data File Errors**
 - Naming Convention
 - Email set type
- **Deleting and Replacing a File**
- **Account Management**

ACI Hardship Exemption

- Advancing Care Information (ACI) category automatically reweighted to Quality component for eligible clinicians/groups with “special status”
- Other hardships must apply for exemption:
 - Insufficient Internet Connectivity
 - Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances
 - Lack of Control over availability of CEHRT
- Learn more and **apply** for exemption here:
<https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/advancing-care-information/hardship-exception>

Group Reporting Improvement Activities

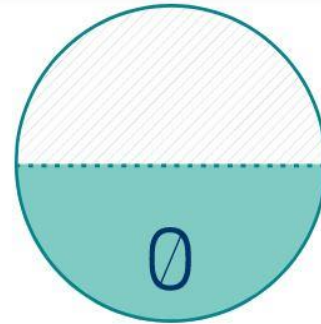
- Groups must perform and attest to activities **totaling** 40 points
- If at least **one** clinician performs and attests to an activity, the entire TIN will receive credit
- Review recommended Improvement Activities here:
https://www.aqihq.org/files/2017_05_08_DRAFT_2017_Improvement_Activities_for_Anesthesiology_and_Pain_Medicine.pdf

QRURs and Informal Review

- CMS to release 2016 PQRS Quality and Resource Use Reports (QRUR) soon
- AQI does not produce or have access to practice QRURs
- More information, including how to submit an informal review request here:
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeedbackProgram/2016-QRUR.html>

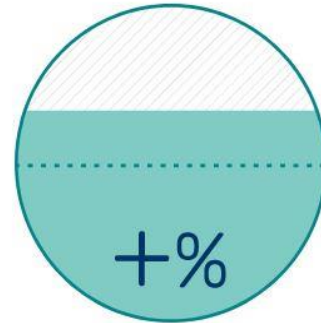
90-day Option

- If electing the 90-day Pick-Your-Pace option, you **MUST** begin collecting data **no later than October 2, 2017**



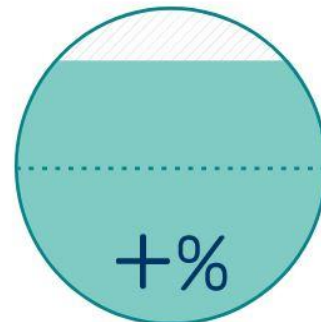
TEST:

If you submit a minimum amount of 2017 data to Medicare (for example, one quality measure or one improvement activity for any point in 2017), you can avoid a downward payment adjustment.



PARTIAL:

If you submit 90 days of 2017 data to Medicare, you may earn a neutral or positive payment adjustment and may even earn the max adjustment.



FULL:

If you submit a full year of 2017 data to Medicare, you may earn a positive payment adjustment.

Quality and Regulatory Affairs (QRA) Update (July 2017)

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)

<http://www.asahq.org/quality-and-practice-management/quality-improvement>


ASA MACRA Webpage:

<http://www.asahq.org/quality-and-practice-management/macra>

CMS Quality Payment Program Website:

<http://www.qpp.cms.gov>

AQI - NACOR Dashboard Updates/Enhancements

- Summary of Updates - **Completed**
 - New Practice Dashboard upon login – TIN Summary Report
 - New Icon for CMS Quality Reports 
 - 2017 CMS Quality Reports
 - Historic CMS Quality Reports (2015 and 2016 data)



	2017 CMS Quality Reporting	Historic CMS Quality Reports
	TIN Reporting Status	TIN Summary
	Measure Summary	Measure Summary
	Practice Provider Summary	Provider Summary
	Measure Performance	Measure Detail
	Provider Performance	
	Practice Performance	
	Practice Performance Benchmark	
	CPIA Scoring	

AQI – Common Data File Errors: File Naming Convention

- **Required** identifiers for proper formatting:
 - PID – Your AQI Practice ID number must have a minimum of three characters. If your practice ID is less than three characters, use 0 to complete the file name.
 - .xml – This is the file extension
- **Recommended** identifiers:
 - Practice name (or abbreviation)
 - DOSSTART – The first date of service in your data file
 - DOSEND – The last date of service in your data file

Example – Production File:

ASA Anesthesia_**PID(003)**_DOSSTART(20170801)_DOSEND(20170831).xml

AQI – Common Data File Errors: Email Notification Set Type

- Email Notification Set Type was added to the 2017 xml schema. If you receive this error message you need to add the following to your data file:

"EmailNotificationFirstName"

"EmailNotificationLastName"

"EmailNotificationAddress"

- The email address that is listed in this field will receive the file validation feedback emails.

AQI – Deleting and Replacing a File

AQI has made deleting and reloading data easier. The 2017 XML updates include a file version “AQIXMLVersion” which have two possible values “2017V1.0” and “2017V1.0R.”

- **2017V1.0** – This value will tell ArborMetrix to process the file as normal inserting data into NACOR
- **2017V1.0R** – This value will tell ArborMetrix to delete and replace all data in NACOR with matching AnesthesiaRecordIDs.

For more information review the 2017 NACOR XML Schema on the AQI Website:

<https://www.aqihq.org/vendorsQCDRHelp.aspx>

AQI - Account Management

- Designated Account Reps
 - Annette Antos, AQI Registry Manager
 - Erika Kalb, AQI Registry Services Associate
- Emails to practices began week of 9/11/17 and will continue through 9/30/17
 - Account Rep contact information
 - New Practices – schedule 15 minute introductory call
 - Renewal Practices – option to schedule a call (account rep will not be assigned until the renewal order form has been received and invoices paid)
 - Allow 24 - 48 hours for a response

AQI - Account Management

Questions regarding the following topics should be sent to your account rep:

- **Contracts**
- **Invoices**
- **Measure-related questions**
- **MIPS reporting requirements**
- **General ASA/AQI questions**
- **Review of NACOR Dashboards**

Questions regarding data validation, data file feedback reports, data processing and data analysis/reporting should be sent to nacorsupport@arbormetrix.com

Q&A



Next Quality Reporting Office Hours

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

11 a.m. CST or 5 p.m. CST

11 a.m. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1029854647982545410>

5 p.m. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/321375536389406979>