



QTSO MEMORANDUM

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TO: QIES State Coordinators
CC: CMS Central and Regional Office Contacts
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DATE: April 13, 2023
SUBJECT: ASPEN 12.4.0.0 Thin Install Availability

The ASPEN 12.4.0.0 release will be deployed to production on Saturday, April 22 2023. State and CMS staff can begin using ASPEN 12.4.0.0 by the start of business on Monday, April 24, 2023.

This release includes executables for ACO, ACTS, ePOC, and ASE-Q/LTCSP.

Thin installs are provided in advance of the production activation date of April 22, 2023. ACO and ACTS should not be deployed to your end users before this date as these applications will not be functional.

Thin Install Download Information

Thin installs will be posted to the ASPEN website by close of business on Friday, April 14 to allow for your agency's release planning. The download links below will be active once the thin install files have been posted on April 14.

Note: No action is necessary by CMS users – these upgrades are automatically applied to your CMS systems and should not be downloaded separately.

ACO

http://star.alpinetg.com/upgrade/Thin/ACO12.4.0_PR1_Thin.zip

ACTS

http://star.alpinetg.com/upgrade/Thin/ACTS12.4.0_PR1_Thin.zip

ASE-Q/LTCSP

http://star.alpinetg.com/upgrade/Thin/ASE12.4.0_PR1_Thin.zip

ePOC

No download necessary for ePOC users – these upgrades are automatically applied to the CMS system.

Thin install instructions are provided in the quick install guides, which are available on the QTSO website at <https://qtso.cms.gov/software/aspn/reference-manuals>.

Auto-updates

For states using auto-upgrade, the ASE-Q/LTCSP upgrade will be posted by COB on Friday April 21. For CMS Regional Office users, all applications will be deployed automatically to your computers through the auto-upgrade process beginning with logons after close of business on Friday, April 21.

Release Information

Detailed descriptions of the application updates and regulation set changes were provided in QTSO Memo 2023-016.

Questions?

If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact the ASPEN Help Desk at jqies@cms.hhs.gov or 1 (888) 477-7876.