



QTSO MEMORANDUM

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TO: QIES State Coordinators

CC: CMS Central and Regional Office Contacts

FROM: QIES Technical Support Office

DATE: MAY 3, 2023

SUBJECT: QTSO MEMO 2023-016 UPDATE

Due to an unexpected transmission issue, there is an update to QTSO memo 2023-016 regarding changes that support the MDS submission transition to iQIES:

- Following the MDS submission transition to iQIES, an issue has been identified within iQIES that prevents MDS assessments submitted after April 13, 2023 from being available in ASPEN for use in the LTCSP.
- Note that beginning April 14, the MDS Viewer in ASPEN will continue to access the old MDS data that is current as of April 13 at 8PM ET. **Data submitted to the new iQIES MDS system after April 17 will still not be available until this issue is resolved in iQIES.** (QTSO 2023-016 recommended to wait to export LTCSP surveys until April 24, 2023.)
- Exports of LTCSP surveys during the period of April 14, 2023 and beyond will continue to use MDS data that is current as of April 13, 2023 at 8PM ET.

For LTC surveys, if possible, it is recommended to wait until the issue is resolved to export surveys being conducted. This will ensure LTCSP is accessing the most recent MDS data and therefore fewer resident adjustments (new admissions and discharges) will be needed while onsite. However, for surveys that have been exported or started, surveyors will have to manually add any residents that are appropriate for the Initial Pool or are the subject of a focused investigation (e.g., complaint). Additionally, surveyors should be aware that any MDS indicators that display may not be accurate.

Current ETA for resolution of this issue is by Monday, May 8th.

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