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TO: QIES State Coordinators
CC: CMS Central and Regional Office Contacts
FROM: ATG, QIES Technical Support Office
DATE: MAY 31, 2023
SUBJECT: ASPEN 12.4.1 Release Information

The ASPEN 12.4.1 release will be deployed to production on Saturday, June 24 2023. State and CMS staff can begin using ASPEN 12.4.1 by the start of business on Monday, June 26, 2023.

Included in This Release

This release includes executables for ACO and ACTS. See Release Notes below for changes included in this release.

Download Information

ASPEN 12.4.1 will be provided to your state agency as a standard ASPEN thin install. The planned posting of the thin installs to the ASPEN website is by close of business on Friday, June 16, 2023 to allow for your agency's release planning. The download links below are not active until the thin install files are posted on June 16.

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

ACO

http://star.alpinetg.com/upgrade/Thin/ACO12.4.1_PR1_Thin.zip

ACTS

http://star.alpinetg.com/upgrade/Thin/ACTS12.4.1_PR1_Thin.zip

Release Notes

AEM

AEM will be modified to include a new Civil Money Penalty Payment Status option of 'Pending Financial Hardship'. Reports that have options to print this new value include; AEM Nursing Home Enforcement History, AEM Nursing Home Case Profile, Federal/State CMP Tracking Report, and Federal CMP Analysis Report.

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