



QTSO MEMORANDUM

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TO: QIES State Coordinators
CC: CMS Central and Regional Office Contacts
FROM: Greg Goetzel - QIES Technical Support Office
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SUBJECT: ASPEN 12.4.4.0 Thin Install Availability

The ASPEN 12.4.4.0 release will be deployed to production on Saturday, October 21 2023. State and CMS staff can begin using ASPEN 12.4.4.0 by the start of business on Monday, October 23, 2023.

This release includes executables for ACO, ACTS, and ASE-Q with updates to ACO, ACTS, AEM, ASE-Q, and LTCSP.

Thin Install Download Information

ASPEN 12.4.4.0 will be provided to your state agency as standard ASPEN thin installs. The planned posting of the thin installs to the ASPEN website is by close of business on Friday, October 13 to allow for your agency's release planning. The download links below are not active until the thin install files are posted on October 13th.

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/ACO12.4.4.0_PR1_Thin.zip

ACTS:

http://star.alpinetg.com/upgrade/Thin/ACTS12.4.4.0_PR1_Thin.zip

ASE-Q:

http://star.alpinetg.com/upgrade/Thin/ASE12.4.4.0_PR1_Thin.zip

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

Auto-upgrade

For states using auto-upgrade, the ASE-Q/LTCSP upgrade will be posted by COB on Friday October 20th. For CMS Location users, all applications will be deployed automatically to your computers through the auto-upgrade process beginning with logons after close of business on Friday, October 20th.

Release Information

Detailed descriptions of the application updates and regulation set changes were provided in QTSO Memo 2023-046.

Questions?

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