





QTSO Memorandum

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TO: QIES State Coordinators

CC: CMS Central and Regional Office Contacts

FROM: ATG, QIES Technical Support Office

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SUBJECT: ASPEN APPLICATION AND REGULATION SET CHANGES (VERSION

12.4.4.1)

Seven new EMTALA tags were added to the regulation for REH (Rural Emergency Hospitals). These updates will be available in ASPEN as of start of business on Monday, November 20, 2023.

An ACO update is available that corrects an issue on the NH kit where the optional F14 Multifacility organization field of the CMS-671 form is not always retrieved from the database after it is correctly saved and uploaded.

In addition, this update fixes an issue when viewing resident notes for Resident Assessment or QAAPI on the Facility Task and Sample screens in LTCSP, and a change is included to ensure the LTCSP button is active on comparative surveys for all team members.

ACO updates

For states only, the ACO thin install will be posted to the ASPEN website by close of business on Friday, November 10, to allow for your agency's release planning. The download link below will be active once the thin install file has been posted on November 10. States may apply this update at any time and do not have to wait for the regulation set updates coming the weekend of the November 17th.

ACO state thin install download:

http://star.alpinetg.com/upgrade/Thin/ACO12.4.4.1a PR1 Thin.zip

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

ASE-Q updates

Auto-update posting

For states using ASE-Q auto-upgrade, this ASPEN auto-upgrade patch file will be posted to the upgrade server as of close of business on Friday, November 17, 2023. All CMS users will receive the ASE/LTCSP update automatically via Auto-update.

Thin Install Posting

For states performing manual updates to ASE-Q, a thin install will be posted to the ASPEN website by close of business on Friday, November 10 to allow for your agency's release planning. The download link below will be active once the thin install files have been posted on November 10.

ASE-Q for States Only:

http://star.alpinetg.com/upgrade/Thin/ASE12.4.4.1 PR1 Thin.zip

Regulation Set Changes

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Regulation	Tag	Version	Type of Change	Tag Title
REH	O-2400	1.01	NEW	COMPLIANCE WITH 489.24
REH	O-2404	1.01	NEW	ON CALL PHYSICIANS
REH	O-2406	1.01	NEW	MEDICAL SCREENING EXAM
REH	O-2407	1.01	NEW	STABILIZING TREATMENT
REH	O-2408	1.01	NEW	DELAY IN EXAMINATION OR TREATMENT
REH	O-2409	1.01	NEW	APPROPRIATE TRANSFER
REH	O-2410	1.01	NEW	WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS

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