



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 12.4.4.4)**

The ASPEN 12.4.4.4 release will be deployed to production on Saturday, March 23, 2024. State and CMS staff can begin using ASPEN 12.4.4.4 by the start of business on Monday, March 25.

Included in this Release

This release includes executables for ACO, ACTS, and ASE-Q and an updated CMHC regulation set:

- CMHC tag M-0363 converted to tag M-0369.
- ASPEN is updated to require a 2567 Sent date on CLIA Certification surveys
- On the Certification & Survey tab of CLIA Certification kits, the 2567 Issued date will be required for all surveys.

Auto-update Posting

For states using auto-upgrade, the ASE-Q upgrade will be posted by COB on Friday March 22. 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, March 22.

Thin Install Posting (for State Agencies only)

ASPEN 12.4.4.4 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, March 15 to allow for your agency's release planning. The download links below will be active once the thin install files are posted on March 15.

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/ACO12.4.4.4_PR1_Thin.zip

ACTS:

http://star.alpinetg.com/upgrade/Thin/ACTS12.4.4.4_PR1_Thin.zip

ASE-Q

http://star.alpinetg.com/upgrade/Thin/ASE12.4.4.4_PR1_Thin.zip

Regulation Set Changes (CMHC)

Regulation	Tag	Version	Type of Change	Tag Title
CMHC	M-0369	4.0	Converted From Tag M-0363	COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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