



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: LTC REGULATION SET CHANGES (VERSION 12.4.4.8) AND
JC AO/RHC UPDATE**

ASPEN 12.4.4.8 will be deployed to production on Friday, September 27, 2024. This upgrade will include an update to the Long Term Care Regulation Set, as well as adding the Joint Commission (JC) as an available Accreditation Organization (AO) for the Rural Health Clinic provider type. State and CMS staff can begin using ASPEN 12.4.4.8 by the start of business on Monday, September 30.

Note: This is only a regulation set release. Users can be on different versions without impact to LTC.

Included in this Release

This release includes an executable for ASE-Q and an updated LTC regulation set. Addition of the Joint Commission AO will be handled with scripts. See Regulation Set Changes table below for details.

Auto-upgrade Posting

For states using auto-upgrade, the ASE-Q upgrade will be posted by COB on Friday September 27. 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, September 27.

Thin Install Posting (for State Agencies only)

ASPEN 12.4.4.8 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, September 20 to allow for your agency's release planning. The download links below will be active once the thin install files are posted on September 20.

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

ASE-Q

http://star.alpinetg.com/upgrade/Thin/ASE12.4.4.8_PR1_Thin.zip

Regulation Set Changes (LTC)

Regulation	Tag	Version	Type of Change	Tag Title
LTC	F-0791	20.01	Interpretative Guidance Text Update	Routine/Emergency Dental Srvcs in NFs
LTC	F-0837	20.01	Regulation Text Update	Governing Body
LTC	F-0838	20.01	Regulation Text Update	Facility Assessment
LTC	F-0842	20.01	Interpretative Guidance Text Update	Resident Records - Identifiable Information
LTC	F-0940	20.01	Interpretative Guidance Text Update	Training Requirements

Please note, the above are technical corrections with no significant content changes.

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