



QTSO MEMORANDUM

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TO: QIES State Coordinators
CC: CMS Central and Regional Office Contacts
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SUBJECT: ASPEN 12.4.4.8 Thin Install Availability

ASPEN 12.4.4.8 will be deployed to production on Friday, September 27, 2024. This upgrade includes 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: With this regulation set release change, users can be on different versions without impact to LTCSP.

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.

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

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

Release Information

Detailed descriptions of the application updates and regulation set changes were provided in QTSO Memo 2024-037.

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.