

# **Release Notes**

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## ASPEN 11.5 Overview

ASPEN 11.5 is scheduled for deployment to states and CMS Regional/Central Offices starting Sunday, October 7, 2018. This ASPEN release includes additions and enhancements to existing functionality in the following applications:

- ACO/ARO
- ACTS/ACTS RO
- ASE-Q
- ePOC
- LTCSP

A major feature of this release is the update to MDS Viewer in ACO/ARO and ASE-Q to support the new MDS assessment definition that becomes effective October 1, 2018. This and other updates are described in the *Changes and New Features* section for each application. Requirements marked as ACO and ACTS affect ACO/ARO and ACTS/ACTS RO.

These release notes provide a summary of new and updated features in ASPEN 11.5. For detailed information about ASPEN applications, please refer to existing versions of the applicable procedures guides.

For information about LTCSP 11.5, which adds RO Comparative functionality, refer to the separate LTCSP release memo and LTCSP User's Guide.

The last section of these release notes, ASPEN Database Additions and Modifications, describes the changes implemented in the database to support the ASPEN 11.5 release. States that have developed custom reports and data extract functions should review this section as these may be affected by structural changes in the database.

## Changes and New Features: Across ASPEN

### Facility

### Allow deeming for ESRD facilities - ACO, ACTS

CMS is required to allow ESRD facilities to be accredited and deemed. Therefore, ESRD facilities are now a deemable provider type in ASPEN. Existing screens and functionality in place for other deemable facility types were modified as described below.

**Note:** Although ESRD deeming functionality has been developed for this release, it *will not be available* to users until Accrediting Organizations (AOs) that are allowed to deem ESRD have been approved. Once CMS approves AOs for ESRD, these AOs will be activated in ASPEN.

The Deemed/2802 tab is included in certification kits for ESRDs:

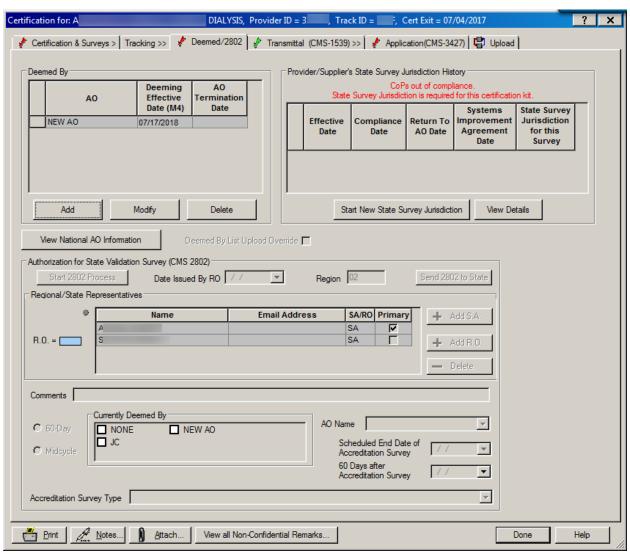


Figure 1: Deemed/2802 tab in ESRD certification kit

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• The Transmittal (CMS-1539) tab displays deeming information for deemed ESRDs:

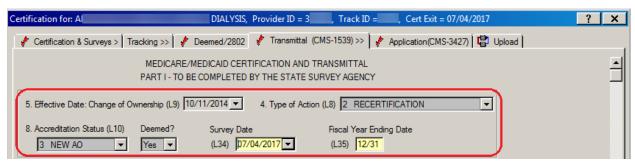


Figure 2: Deemed information on Transmittal (CMS-1539) tab

• Validation surveys are available for deemed ESRDs:

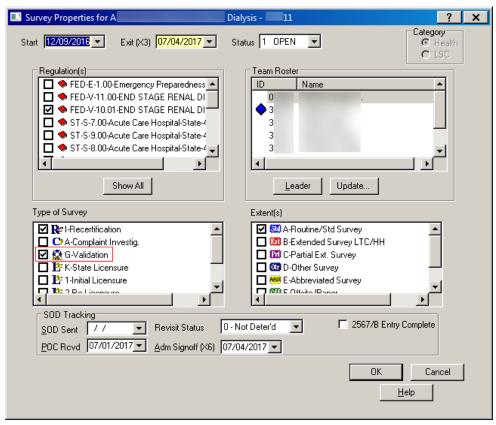


Figure 3: Validation is an available Type of Survey for deemed ESRDs

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D - Non-IJ Low G - Referral-Other H - No Action Necessar Request for RO Approval 

// F Status 1 - Triage/Prioritization Received End Date 08/21/2018 ▼ 

Time 07:09 C a.m. @ p.m. Currently Deemed By □ JC NEW AO Conditions of Participation Condition(s) 494.62 Establishment of the EP Program Dialysis 494.20 CFC-COMPLIANCE WITH FED/STATE/LOCAL LAWS 494.30 CFC-INFECTION CONTROL 494.40 CFC-WATER & DIALYSATE QUALITY 494.50 CFC-REUSE OF HEMODIALYZERS & BLOODLINES 494.60 CFC-PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT 494.70 CFC-PATIENTS- RIGHTS 494.80 CFC-PATIENT ASSESSMENT 494.90 CFC-PATIENT PLAN OF CARE 494.100 CFC-CARE AT HOME 494.110 CFC-QAPI 494.120 CFC-SPECIAL PURPOSE RENAL DIALYSIS FACILITIES 494.130 CFC-LABORATORY SERVICES 494.140 CFC-PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS 494.150 CFC-RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR 494.170 CFC-MEDICAL RECORDS Full Survey RO Response Cross Reference: Regional Representative Region Date / #A Find Comments Provider/Supplier's State Survey Jurisdiction History Systems State Survey Jurisdiction **Effective** Compliance Return To Improvement Date Date AO Date Agreement for this Date Survey Start New State Survey Jurisdiction View Details OK – Print.. Notices.. Attach.. Survey/Upload. Cancel Help

• The Deemed tab is included on intakes for ESRDs:

Figure 4: Deemed tab on ESRD intake

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• The CMS-2802 form will print for deemed ESRDs:

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Figure 5: CMS-2802 for deemed ESRD

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• The printed CMS-1539 includes deeming information for ESRDs:

Figure 6: Deeming information on CMS-1539 for deemed ESRD

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- All deeming-related fields will upload to national for ESRDs:
  - Deemed By List
  - State Survey Jurisdiction
  - CMS-2802
  - Deeming info on the CMS-1539

#### MDS Data

### View updated MDS 3.0 data - ACO, ASE-Q

In order for SA, RO, and CO staff members to view revised MDS 3.0 data, the ASPEN MDS viewer has been updated to support the new MDS assessment definition, effective October 1, 2018.

### For example

• H. Opioid was added to N0410.

N0410. Medications Received	
Indicate the number of DAYS the resident received the during the last 7 days or since admission/entry or re-	9
A. Antipsychotic	
B. Antianxiety	
C. Antidepressant	
D. Hypnotic	
E. Anticoagulant	
F. Antibiotic	
G. Diuretic	
H. Opioid	5

Figure 7: H. Opioid added to NO410

H3 was removed from GG170.

H3. Does the resident walk?	
0. No	
2. Yes	

Figure 8: H3 removed from GG170

MDS data is transferred to ASE-Q for any survey imported from ACO that had assessments assigned within 120 days of the survey date.

### Surveys

### X6 date allowed when deficiency-free ePOC surveys uploaded - ACO, ACTS, ePOC

ePOC surveys with no federal deficiencies, that is:

- Deficiency-free ePOC surveys
- Surveys that cite only state tags and/or EP tags

can now be uploaded even when the Adm[in] Signoff (X6) date is entered.

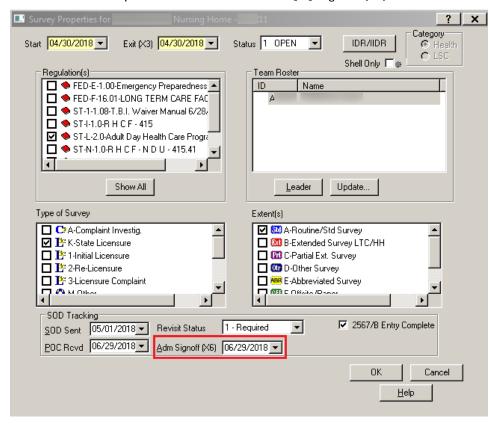


Figure 9: Adm Signoff (X6) populated for ePOC survey with no federal tags

Certification kits and investigations including ePOC surveys without federal tags will successfully upload when Admin Signoff is populated.

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## Changes and New Features: ACO

### **FMS**

### Activate the CMS-2567 Sent to Facility field

The CMS-2567 Sent to Facility field is now enabled for FMS Comparative surveys.

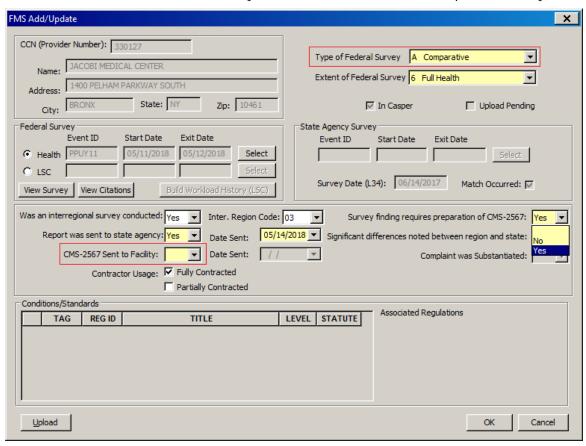


Figure 10: CMS-2567 Sent to Facility field enabled for FMS Comparative survey

If you select Yes for CMS-2567 Sent, the associated Date Sent field is activated.

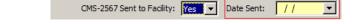


Figure 11: Date Sent enabled when CMS-2567 Sent is Yes

# Changes and New Features: ePOC

### Reports

### Exclude tags removed by settlement/hearing

The following ePOC reports no longer include tags that have been changed/removed due to AEM hearing/settlement:

- Tardy POC Submission from Facility
- Rejected Tags Requiring Facility Follow-Up
- Facilities Pending SA/RO POC Review
- Surveys Changed Since Posting
- Deficiencies Not Posted
- Plan of Correction Audit Trail
- Survey POC Information

In addition, the following ePOC emails no longer include tags that have been changed/removed due to AEM hearing/settlement:

- No Response from Facility
- Survey Results Re-Posted

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The Plan of Correction Audit Trail report contains historical data. There will be an asterisk next to any historical tag that was changed/removed due to IDR/IIDR or hearing/settlement. The bottom of each page contains a note about the asterisk.

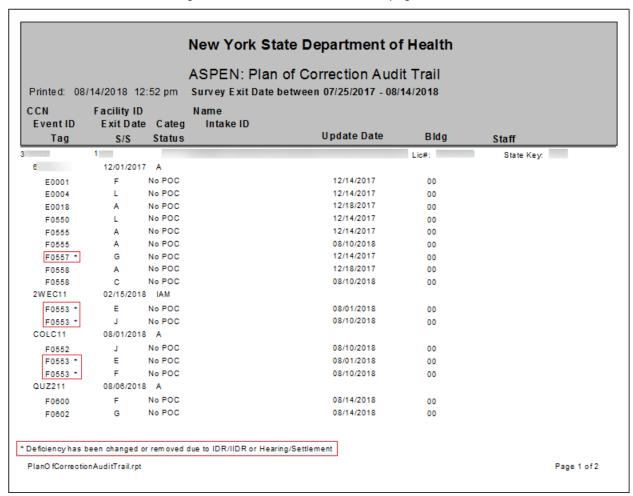


Figure 12: POC Audit Trail report

#### Surveys

### Close survey when last tag removed or finalized

ePOC surveys will now correctly be set to a POC Status of CLOSED when the last (or only) tag on a survey is:

- Removed whether due to IDR/IIDR or hearing/settlement, or actual tag deletion
- Finalized, i.e., correction date is set

# ASPEN Database Additions and Modifications

All database changes are related to LTCSP 11.5. There are no changes associated with ASPEN 11.5 maintenance items or regulation set changes.

### State Server

### Create New Tables

Object Name	Description
NGS_INTRVW_RO_CMPR_RSPNS	New table of Regional Office (RO) Comparative survey interview response data.

### Alter Existing Tables

Object Name	Description
NGS_DEFN_INTRVW_RSPNS	Add new column NEG_RSPNS_SW.
NGS_DEFN_SMPL_SZ	Add new column RCMNDD_NUM_ SRVYRS.
NGS_DEFN_TEAM_MTG	Add new column SRVY_TYPE and redefine PK to use this column.
NGS_INTRVW_RSPNS	Add new column NEG_RSPNS_SW.
NGS_RPT_MSTR	Add new column SRVY_TYPE_TXT.
NGS_RSDNT	Add new columns SA_NGS_RSDNT_ID and SA_INITL_POOL_STUS_CD.
NGS_SRVY	Add new columns UPLD_OVRRD_SW, RLTD_SRVY_ID, INITL_POOL_CNCRN_ SW, INITL_POOL_CNCRN_CLOB, TBP_ SW, TBP_RSDNT_NAME, and FAC_ID. Rename column TBP_RSDNT_NAME to TBP_RSDNT_ID.

### Add/Modify Views

Object Name	Description
NGS_DEFN_INTRVW_RSPNS_VW	Modify existing view.

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## Add/Modify Table Contents

Object Name	Description
ALPINESETUP	Insert new data records.
ASP_RPT_MSTR_LST	Insert new data records.
ASPENSETUP	Insert new data records.
LOOKUPVALUES	Insert new data records.
NGS_DEFN_INVST_INSTR	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_RPT_JASPER	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_FACTSK	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_INVST	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_FACTSK_CE	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_IND	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_GNRC_CLOBS	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_INVST_CE	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_CARE_AREA_PROBES	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_INVST_RSPNS	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_FACTSK_RSPNS	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_INVST_RSPNS_TAG	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_RPT_MSTR	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_FACTSK_RSPNS_TAG	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_CARE_AREA	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_CARE_AREA_IND	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_FACTSK_CARE_AREA	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_INTRVW_RSPNS	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_INVST_CARE_AREA	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_PROBE_RULE	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_RULE	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_SMPL_SZ	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_DEFN_TEAM_MTG	Reload of LTCSP Static Data
NGS_VRSN	Reload of LTCSP Static Data

# Sybase Server

## Add new tables

Object Name	Description
NGS_INTRVW_RO_CMPR_RSPNS	Table of Regional Office (RO) Comparative survey interview response data

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