

Meeting: ASPEN All State Technical Call**Date: March 28, 2023****Time: 3:00 pm EST****Minutes****1 ASE-Q DIGITAL CERTIFICATE UPDATE (ATG)**

- The current digital certificate installed with ASPEN ASEq and LTCSP is approaching its expiration date on April 4, 2023 and needs to be updated by that date. Systems that are not update will not be functional as of April 5, 2023.
- QTSO memo 2023-010 contains the download link, instructions and the deployment options available to State agencies. Failure to complete this update with keep ASEq users from accessing the application.
- When the update is run manually on a computer, it must be completed as Administrator.
- For SAs where survey teams have the practice of synchronizing survey information through direct network transfer (cabled or wireless), the source and destination computers must have the same version of the digital certificate – either current or new – for successful survey transfer. But all systems must be updated by April 4, 2023. Survey transfers via portable media (e.g., USB stick) or through direct connection between ASE-Q (Sybase) and ACO (Oracle) are not affected by the certificate version.

2 Release 12.4 (ATG)

- New update for release 12.4 will go active on April 22, 2023. Refer to the Release Information Memo 2023-016 distributed on March 31, 2023.
- This release will provide updates to LTCSP, ePOC, and address an REH Hospital issue.
 - The LTCSP onsite prep screen will be improved for easier use.
 - Due to the MDS transition to iQIES, there will be changes to the indicator calculations and data source. Due to these changes, there may be timing issues as the legacy MDS data will end on April 13th, and the iQIES transition will take place on the 17th. The ASPEN changes will not take place until April 22nd, thus the MDS data seen will be from the 13th until release 12.4 goes active on the 22nd.
- If going out on an LTCSP survey the week of April 24th, we recommend that surveys be exported during that week so the most current MDS data is available, rather than exporting prior to April 24th and the release of ASPEN 12.4.
- The ASPEN 12.4 Thin Installs will be posted on April 14th so SA will have time to prepare the install and the ASEq auto-upgrade file will be posted on April 21st. RO users will be upgraded on April 21st by CMS IT staff.
- On May 11, 2023, the public health emergency will end, so changes to the regulation set will occur removing a few tags and changes will also be made to

LTCSP infection pathway. There will be a new ASEq auto-upgrade thin install released on May 10th to process these changes. For States that don't use the auto-upgrade process, the thin install will be posted one week earlier. For CMS users, ARO, ACTS, ASE-Q and LTCSP will be automatically updated on your computers and no other action is needed.

3 Questions

- Will CASPER reports be inaccurate during the time that the MDS data is unavailable until April 22nd?

Answer: What's happening with CASPER has little bearing on the ASPEN release 12.4, but it appears that the MDS data will not be as accurate until April 22nd.