

On behalf of Mr. Joe Paiva, Executive Director, VLER, the following information is provided as input to the weekly Cabinet Report:

25-29 June 2012

Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record

During the week of June 25-29, 2012, initial capabilities are expected to be delivered under the contract award for a Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQs) Automation Solution, a project within the Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER) portfolio. DBQs are streamlined medical examination forms designed to capture essential medical information for purposes of evaluating VA disability compensation and pension claims from Veterans or Service members. This contract award will make 20 DBQs accessible from any major Internet browser or device, including iPads. These 20 DBQs were identified as high priority because they are among the ones most frequently used by disability examiners. The DBQ Automation Solution will also provide additional capabilities that enhance VA's ability to manage examination scheduling as well as a tool that can be used to quickly create and modify any type of forms to add future improvements. This contract was awarded on May 31, 2012. Overall, a DBQ Automation Solution will support VA's efforts to create a streamlined, paperless disability claims process by creating a Web-based, Turbo Tax®-like interface that will enable users to submit DBQs in the same way commercial income tax software users file taxes with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) online.