

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

VA IQ Task number: 7226184  
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### VLER Capability Area (VCA) Concept of Operations (CONOPS) comparison:

The Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) tasked the Executive Director Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (ED VLER) to map VCA 1 CONOPS content to the draft VCA 2 and VCA 3 CONOPS and documents referenced therein to ensure all the elements that were defined for VCA 1 are reflected in VCA 2 and VCA 3 documentation.

The VA took primary responsibility for developing the VCA 2 CONOPS and the Department of Defense (DoD) took primary responsibility for developing the VCA 3 CONOPS. We are still working together to complete the Organization and Governance section of the documents and ensure alignment between the CONOPS, given the recent changes in the interagency governance space and efforts to streamline the requirements process. Additionally, the VCA 1 CONOPS contained more detailed language around requirements and implementation plan. For VCA 2 and 3, we moved content that is tactical in nature and subject to change due to requirements, funding, and technology decisions into separate documents (e.g. Plan of Action and Milestones, Implementation Plans) that will be updated on a recurring basis. This keeps the CONOPS as a strategic document that will be enduring as implementation and funding priorities are addressed.

The VCA 2 CONOPS and VCA 3 CONOPS will both be submitted into formal coordination with DoD and VA for DEPSEC signature on May 2, 2012.

ACTION REQUIRED: None; informational.

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