Mental Health Assistant (MHA)

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1. Introduction

The Mental Health Assistant (MHA) application is the management tool for clinicians to create administrative assignments for patient completion, complete administrations through a Staff Entry interface, and review completed assessment reports. The MHA application was developed to create an effective and efficient tool for mental health clinicians and primary care clinicians to track assessment completion and administration trending. This provides Mental Health (MH) providers and managers tools (i.e., reports, graphs, etc.) to ensure effective MH care for Veterans. MHA supports MH instruments (e.g., psychological tests, structured interviews, and staff rating scales), pain assessments, nursing assessments, and additional instruments that are not available elsewhere in the Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS)/Veterans Information System and Technology Architecture (VistA) systems. Overall, MHA Web provides clinicians with a singular point for assessment assignment and report review from VistA data within a compact and user-friendly format. MHA has enjoyed widespread usage among MH clinicians over the past several years, and the current revisions of MHA and Mental Health Package (MHP) initiate steps toward re-engineering VistA Mental Health functionality.

1.1. Purpose

These release notes cover the changes to implement reports that affect the MHA application made by YS*5.01*218 to enhance clinician workflow and patient care.

1.2. Audience

This document targets users of the MHA Applications and applies to the changes made between this release and any previous release of this software.

1.3. This Release

The following sections provide a summary of the new features and functions added, enhancements and modifications to the existing software, and any known issues for YS*5.01*218.

1.4. New Features and Functions Added

The following are the features and functions added by YS*5.01*218:

- Added new Measures/Instruments
  - SBAF - Safety Behavior Assessment Form
  - HIT-6 - Headache Impact Test
  - PROMIS10 - Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System Global Health Scale
  - MIDAS - Migraine Disability Assessment
  - MIOS+B-IPR - Moral Injury Outcome Scale and Brief Inventory of Psychological Functioning
- Add SIGI to results/reports
  - Added Self-Identified Gender Identity to the assessment reports

1.5. Enhancements and Modifications to Existing Functionality

The following are the enhancements and modifications by YS*5.01*218:

- Update PCL-5 and PCL-5 Weekly
  - Updated subscales and questions
- Update Morse Fall Scale
  - Update verbiage in question 1
- Update Case Mix, PSS-3 3nd and AD8 to be Staff Entry only
  - These measures should not be completed by the Veteran. They are no longer assignable via Patient Entry
- Update ASRS-6 scoring verbiage
  - Corrected the scoring verbiage for the measure
- Updated hover over for CAGE
  - The CAGE measure hover over now displays the full name instead of an acronym
- Corrected the EAT-26 verbiage
  - Question 8 was updated from other to others

1.6. Remediated Known Issues from Previous Releases

The following are known issues from previous releases that are remedied by YS*5.01*218:

- None

1.7. Known Issues

This list outlines existing issues that will be corrected in a future release:

- EDE-Q Review Answers box displays HTML characters
  - When viewing the Review Answers dialog box in Patient Entry HTML characters are displayed for some questions.
- EDE-Q Skipped question dialog in Patient Entry displays HTML characters
  - When the Skipped Questions dialog is displayed HTML characters are displayed for some questions.
- Special Reports Column graphing for CAT-SS will display a graph when all scales are deselected
- High Risk Patient Dashboard – On Track hover over display nonprintable character
- The Create Assignment button is missing the menu for adding Scheduled assignments
- Wording in the hover overs of various instruments is incorrect.
  - The hover over for BPRS-A does not contain question marks.
  - The hover over for BSI-18 Norm Sample: Community sample (N = 1,134) and oncology sample (N = 1,543).

1.8. Product Documentation

The following documents *(located at the VA Software Document Library)* apply to this release:

- Deployment, Installation, Back-out, and Rollback Guide (DIBRG)

2.   Appendix A – Acronyms

Table 1: Acronyms List

Acronym	Definition
ASRS-6	Adult Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Self-Report Screening Scale for DSM-5
BPRS-A	Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale - Anchored
BSI-18	Brief Symptom Inventory 18
CAGE	CAGE Alcohol Screening Tool (Cut down, Annoyed, Guilty, Eye-opener)
CAT	Computer Adaptive Testing
CIA	Clinical Impairment Assessment Questionnaire 3.0
CPRS	Computerized Patient Record System
DIBRG	Deployment, Installation, Back-out, and Rollback Guide
EAT-26	Eating Attitudes Test-26 Item
EDE-Q	Eating Disorder Examination Questionnaire
HIT-6	Headache Impact Test
HTML	Hyper Text Markup Language
MCMI	Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory
MH	Mental Health
MHA	Mental Health Assistant
MHP	Mental Health Package
MIDAS	Migraine Disability Assessment
MIOS+B-IPR	Moral Injury Outcome Scale and Brief Inventory of Psychological Functioning
OIT	Office of Information and Technology
PCL-5	PCL-5 PTSD Checklist from DSM-5
PROMIS10	Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System Global Health Scale
SBAF	Safety Behavior Assessment Form
SPP	Suicide Prevention Package
VA	Department of Veteran Affairs
VistA	Veterans Integrated Systems and Technical Architecture