My Health*e*Vet Release 12.5 Notes for VA Blue Button and VA CCD
Department of Veterans Affairs

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My Health*e*Vet Release 12.5 includes several enhancements to the VA Blue Button:

- More timely access to information (reduced 'hold periods' for several VA data classes from 7 calendar days to 3 calendar days; see the Appendix). These changes will also be made to the VA CCD in My HealtheVet 12.5.1 Release targeted for June 29, 2013
- Expansion of the types of self-reported information that all registered users can include in their VA Blue Button: My Goals (Current Goals/Completed Goals)
- Improved performance for the Blue Button data refresh process
- Enhanced data refresh status message with link to a user friendly description to enhance understanding
- Enhanced user interface which includes information about business rules for VA data classes
- Improved user message when no records match selection criteria
- Minor formatting improvements for Blue Button output (see sample files)
- Improved user interface error message when system is unable to generate a VA CCD with instruction for the user to contact the My Health*e*Vet Help desk for assistance

Sample VA Blue Button files are provided to illustrate the VA Blue Button and VA CCD output. Release notes and sample files will be updated as changes occur, and these updates are posted on the VA Blue Button website at www.va.gov/bluebutton .

What's New?

- As shown in the sample files, the VA Blue Button output header has an updated version number: Produced by the VA Blue Button (v12.5)
- Two new self-reported data classes are available: My Goals: Current Goals , My Goals: Completed Goals
- Enhanced user message text is presented to the user within the VA Blue Button output when no records match the user's selection criteria
- Multiple formatting changes to improve the VA Blue Button text file output:
    - Data class section dividers were adjusted to avoid wrapping to the next line
    - A single bar separator was corrected for VA Laboratory Results
    - Extra line feeds between sequential data classes were removed
    - Wrapping was adjusted in order to improve the readability of the data

Note: The PDF file format was disabled on April 28, 2013 due to concerns about the generation of a temporary file on the computer, especially when using a public or shared computer. A technical solution is being developed that will 1) provide additional content alerting users to this issue, 2) a pop-up window enabling the user to continue or cancel, and 3) a new View/Print button that enables an inline browser view of the PDF output that allows viewing and printing of the information without generating a temporary file. These changes will be released in My Health*e*Vet 12.5.1 Release which is currently targeted for June 29, 2013.

Appendix

VA Blue Button Data Classes June 2013				
Type of Information	Data Source	Description	When Available	Date Range
Activity Journal	Self-reported	Daily exercise and activity log	Immediately	User selected
Allergies	Self-reported	History of allergies including severity, reaction, diagnosis, and comments	Immediately	All
Demographics	Self-reported	Personal information entered during account registration or profile updates, emergency contacts	Immediately	All
Family Health History	Self-reported	Family member's health history and events that may affect health	Immediately	All
Food Journal	Self-reported	Daily food intake to monitor diet or control weight	Immediately	User selected
Health Care Providers	Self-reported	Information pertaining to caregivers and health care providers	Immediately	All
Health Insurance	Self-reported	Information about health insurance coverage and policies	Immediately	All
Immunizations	Self-reported	Immunization date, method used, and any reactions	Immediately	All
Labs and Tests	Self-reported	Information about lab tests performed and test results	Immediately	User selected
Medical Events	Self-reported	History of illnesses, accidents, or other events	Immediately	All
Medications and Supplements	Self-reported	Medications, over-the-counter drugs, herbals, and supplements	Immediately	All
Military Health History	Self-reported	Military health history, potential exposures, and treatments	Immediately	All
My Goals (Current Goals and Completed Goals)	Self-reported	Set individualized, personally relevant recovery goals and track progress toward achieving these goals	Immediately	Current Goals: All Completed Goals: User selected
Treatment Facilities	Self-reported	Medical treatment facilities and locations	Immediately	All
Vitals and Readings	Self-reported	Common health measures (e.g., blood pressure, blood sugar, pain, etc.)	Immediately	User selected

VA Allergies*	VA EHR	Recorded allergies and adverse reactions	Immediately	All
VA Admissions and Discharges*	VA EHR	Admissions and discharges including comprehensive discharge summaries	Discharge Summary only: 3 calendar days after completed	User selected
VA Appointments*	VA EHR	Two years past and all future VA appointment details	Immediately	All
VA Demographics*	VA EHR	Demographic information from VA Treating Facilities in the last 3 years	Immediately	All
VA Electrocardiogram (EKG) Reports*	VA EHR	A list of EKG studies performed at VA Treating Facilities	Immediately	User selected
VA Immunizations*	VA EHR	History of recorded immunizations along with any reactions	Immediately	All
VA Laboratory Results*	VA EHR	Results of Chemistry, Hematology, and Microbiology lab tests	3 calendar days after results verified	User selected
VA Medication History	VA EHR	History of VA medication refills	Immediately	User selected
VA Notes*	VA EHR	All completed Progress Notes from January 1, 2013 forward	3 calendar days after Note completed	User selected
VA Pathology Reports*	VA EHR	Surgical Pathology, Cytology, and Electron Microscopy study results	14 calendar days after report completed	User selected
VA Problem List*	VA EHR	List of active health issues and conditions	3 calendar days after entry	All
VA Radiology Reports*	VA EHR	Results of Radiology and other imaging studies	3 calendar days after report verified	User selected
VA Vitals and Readings*	VA EHR	Blood pressure, pulse, body temperature, weight, etc.	Immediately	User selected
VA Wellness Reminders*	VA EHR	Patient friendly clinical reminders for preventive services	Immediately	All
Military Service Information*	DoD	Historical record of military service including position and rank codes	Immediately	All
* Requires a My HealtheVet Premium account				

VA Continuity of Care Document (VA CCD) Data Classes June 2013				
Data Class	**Comments**	**Source**	**Delay**	**Date Range**
Person Information*	Name, address, gender, date of birth,	VA EHR	No	All
Language*	Language	VA EHR	No	All
Allergies*	This section contains Allergies on record with VA for the patient. The data comes from all VA treatment facilities. It does not list allergies that were removed or entered in error. Some allergies may be reported in the Immunization section.	VA EHR	No	All
History of Encounters*	This section contains a list of completed VA Outpatient Encounters for the patient, along with the titles of the associated VA Notes. The data comes from all VA treatment facilities. It includes the 25 most recent Encounter dates within the last 36 months. There is a limit of 10 Note titles for each Encounter. Follow-up visits related to the VA Encounter are not included.	VA EHR	No	Last 36 months up to a maximum of 25 most recent
History of Procedures*	This section contains Procedures performed at VA for the patient. It shows surgical and radiological procedures. Included are the 25 most recent procedure dates within the last 12 months. Data comes from all VA treatment facilities.	VA EHR	No	Last 12 months and up to 25 maximum
Immunizations*	This section contains Immunizations on record with VA for the patient. The data comes from all VA treatment facilities. A reaction to an immunization may be reported in the allergy section.	VA EHR	No	All
Lab Results - Chemistry and Hematology *	This section contains Chemistry and Hematology Lab Results on record with VA for the patient. The data comes from all VA treatment facilities. Results include the last 12 months and are limited to the 5 most recent sets of tests. Results are available 7 days after they have been verified by a VA provider.	VA EHR	7 calendar days after test results verified (pending change to 3 calendar days)	Last 12 months or 5 most recent panel results

Medications - Prescription and Non-Prescription*	This section contains Prescription and Non-Prescription Medications on record at VA for the patient. Data comes from all VA treatment facilities. It shows all medications dispensed within the last 15 months. The list includes the prescription status as active or non-active.	VA EHR	No	Last 15 months
Problems/Conditions*	This section contains a list of Problems/Conditions known to VA for the patient. It includes both active and inactive problems/conditions. The data comes from all VA treatment facilities. Data is available 7 calendar days after it has been entered by a VA provider.	VA EHR	7 calendar days after entered (pending change to 3 calendar days)	All
Vital Signs*	This section contains inpatient and outpatient Vital Signs on record at VA for the patient. The data comes from all VA treatment facilities. It includes 12 months of data, with a maximum of the 10 most recent sets of vitals. If more than one set of vitals was taken on the same date, only the most recent set is populated for that date.	VA EHR	No	Last 12 months or 10 most recent
Contacts*	Emergency and guardian contacts	VA EHR	No	All
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