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Pause on Oracle Cerner Electronic Health Record (EHR) Rollout

Saginaw, MI – VA announces a pause on the rollout of the Oracle Cerner Electronic Health Record (EHR) system at the Saginaw Health Care System. As VA leadership promised, the VA will not deploy the new EHR system at any facility until confident it is ready to deliver for Veterans and VA providers. Based on recent assessments, including the ongoing "assess and address" period and the Readiness Assessment, VA has determined that the new EHR is not yet ready for the planned June 2023 deployment in Saginaw.

Laura Ruzick, Network Director, VISN 10, shared with Saginaw Health Care System employees this morning, how she appreciated "all the work done to prepare for this deployment, and all the work you do every day. I am confident that when we do roll out the new EHR system in Saginaw, we will make it a smooth, safe, and positive experience for Veterans and staff alike – and we will do so together." Currently, we are waiting on further guidance from VA regarding Saginaw's future EHR timeline.

The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC in Saginaw, Michigan operates an 81-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation Community Living Center. It provides care to over 40,126 Veterans in a 35-county geographic area, from mid-Michigan to the Mackinac Bridge. Veterans can also receive care at one of our nine VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics located throughout Michigan. More information about this VA can be found at <u>www.va.gov/saginaw-health-care/</u>.

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