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VA recognized for health IT innovations directly impacting Veterans

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) makes an impact, driving change and advancement, in the federal health information technology market. FedHealthIT recognized VA for creating products and services that have a profound impact on the lives of Veterans through developments in digital and cloud-based solutions and health-IT modernization initiatives.

“Part of the department’s mission is its commitment to providing exceptional customer service,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “Among the Veterans’ calls VA heeded – building a simpler, more user-friendly VA.gov website and expanding telehealth services to the 40% of Veterans living in rural areas.”

Listening to Veterans and critically analyzing their thoughts has led to notable VA projects to include:

- The implementation of the Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act, which gives Veterans greater access to health care in VA facilities and the community.
- The launch of VA’s Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM), an initiative to migrate Veteran health data to a new system that will link in with the Department of Defense’s patient records.
- The creation of the National Artificial Intelligence Institute (NAII), which will use AI research and development for real-world impact and health care outcomes for Veterans.

For information on VA leaders, their transformative health-IT projects and how those projects help Veterans visit VA 2020 FedHealthIT 100 Awardees.

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