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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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