Enrollment System Modernization (ESM) Phase 2

Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA)
Registration, Eligibility & Enrollment (REE)

DG*5.3*976

Release Notes

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1   Introduction

The release of Veterans Health Information System and Technology Architecture (VistA) Registration, Eligibility & Enrollment (REE) Registration (DG) patch DG*5.3*976 supports the enhancements for the Enterprise Health Benefits Determination (EHBD) program that focuses on updates for the Enrollment System Modernization (ESM) Phase 2 project, which supports Enrollment System Community Care (ESCC) and ES Sustainment.

2   Purpose

The Release Notes cover the changes to VistA REE DG systems for this release. DG*5.3*976 is also being released in support of the Enrollment System (ES) 5.6 release. Refer to Informational Patch EAS*1*178 (Enrollment Application System) for additional details regarding the ES release.

3   Audience

This document targets users and administrators of VistA REE and applies to the changes made between this release and any previous release for this software.

4   This Release

This software is being released as a patch (PackMan) message. The PackMan message includes the DG*5.3*976 patch, which also supports the ES 5.6 release.

The following sections provide a summary of the enhancements and modifications to the existing software for VistA REE with the release of patch DG*5.3*976.

4.1 New Features and Functions Added

There are no new features or functions added to VistA REE for DG*5.3*976.

4.2 Enhancements and Modifications

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) MISSION Act Of 2018 (VA Maintaining Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act) consolidates VA's community care programs into a new Veterans Community Care Program (CCP), which will help to ensure Veterans choose VA by getting them the right care at the right time from the right provider. VistA REE supports the MISSION Act by accepting, processing, and storing Health Benefit Plan (HBP) changes received from ES (the authoritative source).

The HBP information is in sync in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) systems when VistA accepts and processes the Health Level Seven (HL7) ORF/ORU-Z11 message with the HBP field(s) from ES.

Patch DG*5.3*976 adds five Health Benefit Plans to the HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN file (#25.11) in VistA.

Table 1 shows the enhancements and modifications included in the DG*5.3*976 release as tracked in Rational Team Concert (RTC) Requirements Management (RM).

Table 1: DG*5.3*976 Enhancements and Modifications

RTC RM #	Summary
1051854	Check for Remaining Grandfather Status Eligible in VistA
1051856	Make Available Grandfather Status to Facility Office of Community Care (FOCC) staff
1051857	Make Available Grandfather and No Full-Service Eligibility Status to FOCC staff
1051864	Inactivate Veteran Plan - Veterans Choice Mileage HBP in VistA
1051866	Create Health Benefit Plan for "State with no Full-Service Medical Facility" Eligible Veterans
1051867	Section 143 Sunset of the Veterans Choice Program
1063371	CR 899152: Create Veterans Community Care (VCE) Eligibility for Urgent Care Eligible Veterans
1063377	CR 899152: Create Veterans Community Care (VCE) Eligibility for Urgent Care Eligible Veterans

List of Updates

This patch includes the following enhancements to VistA REE:

Post-install routine DG53976P adds five new Health Benefit Plans to the HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN file (#25.11). These plans consist of the following field values:

Field (Number)	Value
NAME (#.01)	Veteran Plan – CCP Grandfather
PLAN CODE (#.02)	211
SHORT DESCRIPTION (#.03)	Veteran Plan – CCP Grandfather
LONG DESCRIPTION (#.04)	Grandfathered Veterans have their eligibility extended from Veterans Choice Program to the new Community Care Program established under the MISSION Act. There are two groups of Grandfathered Veterans: "5 Lowest Population Density States" or "Received Title 38 Care". Both groups require that the enrolled Veteran (1) was distance-eligible on the day before the MISSION Act was signed (June 5, 2018), and (2) live in a place that is still distance-eligible under Veterans Choice rules as of the start of the MISSION Act on June 6, 2019.
COVERAGE CODE (#.05)	CC01001

Field (Number)	Value
NAME (#.01)	Veteran Plan – CCP State with no Full-Service Medical Facility
PLAN CODE (#.02)	209
SHORT DESCRIPTION (#.03)	Veteran Plan – CCP State with no Full-Service Medical Facility
LONG DESCRIPTION (#.04)	Enrolled Veterans who reside in a state with no full-service VA health care facility. This eligibility will be determined and assigned with the start of the MISSION Act on June 6, 2019.
COVERAGE CODE (#.05)	CC01002

Field (Number)	Value
NAME (#.01)	Veteran Plan – CCP Urgent Care
PLAN CODE (#.02)	210
SHORT DESCRIPTION (#.03)	Veteran Plan – CCP Urgent Care
LONG DESCRIPTION (#.04)	Enrolled Veterans who have received Title 38 care within the past two years who meet the administrative eligibility for non-VA Urgent Care for services. This eligibility will be determined and assigned with the start of the MISSION Act on June 6, 2019.
COVERAGE CODE (#.05)	CC01003

Field (Number)	Value
NAME (#.01)	Veteran Plan – CCP Basic
PLAN CODE (#.02)	208
SHORT DESCRIPTION (#.03)	Veteran Plan – CCP Basic
LONG DESCRIPTION (#.04)	The Veteran must be enrolled in the VA healthcare system. Veteran is eligible for the Community Care Program but does not meet the criteria for Community Care services.
COVERAGE CODE (#.05)	CC01006

Field (Number)	Value
NAME (#.01)	Veteran Plan – CCP Hardship Determination
PLAN CODE (#.02)	212
SHORT DESCRIPTION (#.03)	Veteran Plan – CCP Hardship Determination
LONG DESCRIPTION (#.04)	The Veteran must be enrolled in the VA health care system. The Veteran who may meet new MISSION Act access standards (wait time and drive time) may still face an unusual or excessive burden in accessing care at the VA based on: * Geographical challenges * Environmental factors such as: º Roads that are not accessible to the general public, such as a road

through a military base or restricted area
º Traffic, or
º Hazardous weather conditions
* A medical condition that impacts the ability to travel
  Or
* Meets MISSION Act access standard, but, must travel by air, boat,
  or ferry And
* Veteran has received a "COMMUNITY CARE-HARDSHIP
DETERMINATION" consult and the consult has not expired then
the Veteran will be eligible for Hardship.

COVERAGE CODE (#.05)   CC01007

5   Known Issues

No known or open issues were identified in this release.

6   Product Documentation

The following documents apply to this release:

Title	File Name	FTP Mode
DG*5.3*976 Release Notes	DG_53_P976_RN.PDF	(binary)

The preferred method is to retrieve files from download.vista.med.va.gov. This transmits the files from the first available server. Sites may also elect to retrieve files directly from a specific server.

Sites may retrieve the software and/or documentation directly using Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) from the ANONYMOUS.SOFTWARE directory at the following OI Field Offices:

Hines: fo-hines.med.va.gov
Salt Lake City: fo-slc.med.va.gov

Documentation can also be found on the VA Software Documentation Library at:

http://www.va.gov/vdl/