Enrollment System Modernization (ESM) Phase 3

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

DG\*5.3\*1044

Release Notes



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# Introduction

The release of Veterans Health Information System and Technology Architecture (VistA) Registration, Eligibility & Enrollment (REE) Registration (DG) patch DG\*5.3\*1044 supports the enhancements for the Enterprise Health Benefits Determination (EHBD) program. This patch focuses on updates for the Enrollment System Modernization (ESM) Phase 3 project, which supports Enrollment System Community Care (ESCC) and Enrollment System (ES) Sustainment.

# Purpose

The Release Notes cover the changes to VistA REE for this release.

# 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.

# This Release

This software is being released as a patch (PackMan) message. The PackMan message includes the DG\*5.3\*1044 patch.

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\*1044.

## New Features and Functions Added

There are no new features or functions added to VistA REE for DG\*5.3\*1044.

## Enhancements and Modifications

VistA is updated to add a new service branch of SPACE FORCE. In VistA Registration Menu options that display the MILITARY SERVICE DATA, SCREEN <6.1> screen, SPACE FORCE can be selected when adding or editing military service information.

To prevent message failures, until all sites have installed the DG\*5.3\*1044 patch, the ES will substitute AIR FORCE for SPACE FORCE on the Health Level Seven (HL7) ORU/ORFZ11 messages. Once all sites have installed the DG\*5.3\*1044 patch, ES will push an ORU/ORFZ11 HL7 message for all records with a Space Force Military Service Episode (MSE). This will update the Branch of Service to SPACE FORCE.

Table 1 shows the enhancements and modifications included in the DG\*5.3\*1044 release as tracked in Atlassian Jira.

Table 1: DG\*5.3\*1044 Enhancements and Modifications

| **Jira Epic #** | **Summary** |
| --- | --- |
| [VES-11888](https://vajira.max.gov/browse/VES-11888) | Implement U.S. Space Force as Additional Military Branch (VistA) |

**List of Updates**

This patch makes the following enhancements to VistA REE:

1. The NAME field (#.01) of the "AIR FORCE—ACTIVE DUTY" entry in the PERIOD OF SERVICE (#21) file is changed to "USAF, USSF - ACTIVE DUTY":

NUMBER: 94 NAME: USAF, USSF - ACTIVE DUTY

ABBREVIATION: AF CODE: C

WAR/PEACE: PEACE PTF CODE: Y

ELIGIBILITY: OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY

ELIGIBILITY: HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY

ELIGIBILITY: SHARING AGREEMENT

ELIGIBILITY: TRICARE

Figure 1: Updated NAME Field

1. The new SPACE FORCE entry is added in the BRANCH OF SERVICE file (#23):

NUMBER: 15

NAME: SPACE FORCE

ABBREVIATION: SF

Figure 2: SPACE FORCE Entry in BRANCH OF SERVICE File

1. The input transform of the NUMBER field (.001) in the BRANCH OF SERVICE file (#23) is modified to accept the SPACE FORCE entry. The number of entries allowed is increased to 15:

DATA NAME GLOBAL DATA

ELEMENT TITLE LOCATION TYPE

--------------------------------------------------------------------

23,.001 NUMBER NUMBER

INPUT TRANSFORM: K:+X'=X!(X>15)!(X<1)!(X?.E1"."1N.N) X

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HELP-PROMPT: Type a number between 1 and 15, 0

decimal digits.

DESCRIPTION: This file contains the internal entry

Number for this branch of service. This

number may be used by various software

packages. This must not be edited and

entries must not be added or deleted

unless done through a software upgrade

of the MAS package.

Figure 3: Updated NUMBER Field in BRANCH OF SERVICE File

1. On the MILITARY SERVICE DATA, SCREEN <6.1> screen, SPACE FORCE can be selected with the "AD Add" and "ED Edit" actions in the SERVICE BRANCH: prompt. In addition, the SERVICE COMPONENT prompt will display existing service components:

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MILITARY SERVICE DATA, SCREEN <6.1>

DGPATIENT,ONE (ONE) XXX XX, XXXX

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Service Branch/Component Service # Entered Separated Discharge

[1] ARMY/REGULAR UNKNOWN 01/01/1995 06/05/1997 HONORABLE

+ Next Screen - Prev Screen ?? More

Actions

AD Add DE Delete

ED Edit VH View History

Select Action:Quit// AD Add

SERVICE BRANCH: ?

Enter the branch of service in which the patient served for this

episode of military service.

Answer with BRANCH OF SERVICE NUMBER, or NAME, or ABBREVIATION

Do you want the entire BRANCH OF SERVICE List? YES (Yes)

Choose from:

1 ARMY

2 AIR FORCE

3 NAVY

4 MARINE CORPS

5 COAST GUARD

6 OTHER

7 MERCHANT SEAMAN

9 USPHS

10 NOAA

11 F.COMMONWEALTH

12 F.GUERILLA

13 F.SCOUTS NEW

14 F.SCOUTS OLD

15 SPACE FORCE

SERVICE BRANCH: SF SPACE FORCE

SERVICE COMPONENT: ?

Enter the military service component of the patient for this military

service episode.

Component must be consistent with branch of service. Branch of

service is required to enter component.

Choose from:

R REGULAR

V ACTIVATED RESERVE

G ACTIVATED NG

SERVICE COMPONENT: R REGULAR

SERVICE NUMBER:

SERVICE ENTRY DATE: 11/1/2020 (NOV 01, 2020)

SERVICE SEPARATION DATE: 2/1/2021 (FEB 01, 2021)

SERVICE DISCHARGE TYPE: H

1 HONORABLE

2 HONORABLE-VA

CHOOSE 1-2: 1 HONORABLE

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MILITARY SERVICE DATA, SCREEN <6.1>

DGPATIENT,ONE (ONE) XXX XX, XXXX

###-##-#### NSC VETERAN

Service Branch/Component Service # Entered Separated

Discharge

[1] SPACE FORCE/REGULAR UNKNOWN 11/01/2020 02/01/2021

HONORABLE

[2] ARMY/REGULAR UNKNOWN 01/01/1995 06/05/1997

HONORABLE

+ Next Screen - Prev Screen ?? More

Actions

AD Add DE Delete

ED Edit VH View History

Select Action:Quit//

Figure 4: MILITARY SERVICE DATA, SCREEN <6.1>

## Known Issues

No known or open issues were identified in this release.

## Product Documentation

The following documents apply to this release:

Documentation Title File Name

DG\*5.3\*1044 Release Notes DG\_5\_3\_1044\_RN.PDF  
PIMS Version 5.3 Technical Manual PIMS\_TM.PDF  
User Manual Version 5.3 – Registration Menu PIMS\_REG\_UM.PDF

Changes to the Income Verification Match (IVM) Technical Manual are described in Informational Patch IVM\*2.0\*198.

Documentation can be found on the VA Software Documentation Library (VDL) at: <http://www.va.gov/vdl/>.