# 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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# 1     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.

# 2     Purpose

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

## 4.1 New Features and Functions Added

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

## 4.2 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 | 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**

2. 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**

3. 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
            LAST EDITED:      FEB 05, 2021
            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**

4. 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:

```
Military Service      Feb 10, 2021@16:52:41      Page:   1 of   1
                      MILITARY SERVICE DATA, SCREEN <6.1>
DGPATIENT,ONE (ONE)    XXX XX, XXXX
###-##-####     NSC VETERAN
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
```

```
Military Service           Mar 24, 2021@14:20:44        Page: 1    of    1

                        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>**

## 4.3  Known Issues

No known or open issues were identified in this release.

## 4.4 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/.