Enrollment System Modernization (ESM) Phase 3

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

DG*5.3*1048

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*1048 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.

Patch DG*5.3*1048 is being released in support of the Enrollment System (ES) 5.15.1 release. Refer to Informational Patch EAS*1*198 (Enrollment Application System) for additional details regarding the ES release.

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IMPORTANT NOTE: Patch DG*5.3*1048 is an emergency patch. The national release date is March 17, 2021, with a one-day compliance period. This patch must be installed at all VistA sites by close of business on Thursday, March 18, 2021. The functionality should not be used at the VistA sites until Sunday, March 21, 2021, when the corresponding Enrollment System functionality will be available for all end users..

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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*1048 patch.

Changes to the Income Verification Match (IVM) Technical Manual documenting the updates are described in Informational Patch IVM*2.0*199.

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*1048.

4.1 New Features and Functions Added

There are no new features or functions added to VistA REE for DG*5.3*1048.

4.2 Enhancements and Modifications

The VA will provide COVID-19 vaccinations to employees of a number of federal agencies, irrespective of their Veteran status. These employees who are unknown to the VA system will be registered as non-Veterans with a Primary Eligibility of OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY. This selection allows the user to

then select the appropriate agency from a list. Patch DG*5.3*1048 adds twenty (20) federal agencies to this list.

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NOTE: VistA users may only add these employees to the OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY eligibility code when it is the Primary Eligibility Code. Users should follow the Health Eligibility Center's guidance for entering an associated agency for the OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY eligibility code when it is not the Primary Eligibility Code.

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Patch DG*5.3*1048 adds the following 20 new records to the OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY (#35) file with the following field values:

NAME (#.01)	ABBREVIATION (#1)	ELIGIBILITY CODE NUMBER(#2)	ENTRY TYPE (#3)
DEPT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	HHS	6	A
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR	DOI	6	A
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	DOJ	6	A
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	DOA	6	A
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	DOT	6	A
NAT ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMIN	NARA	6	A
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	SBA	6	A
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGCY	EPA	6	A
GENERAL SERVICES ADMIN	GSA	6	A
OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT	OPM	6	A
US FEDERAL JUDICIARY	USFJ	6	A
VA - STATE VETERANS HOME	SVH	6	A
HHS - FOOD AND DRUG ADMIN	FDA	6	A
HHS - OFC OF THE INSP GENERAL	HHSOIG	6	A
HHS - CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	ACF	6	A
US DC SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NY	DCSDNY	6	A
DOJ - DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMIN	DEA	6	A
DC FEDERAL CIRCUIT COURT	DCFCC	6	A
DOA - FOREST SERVICE	USFS	6	A
OTHER	OTHER	6	A

These entries are merged from the OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY (#35) file included in the build.

As part of the installation process for patch DG*5.3*1048, a manual entry may need to be added in the ELIGIBILITY sub-field (#.01) within the ELIGIBILITY multiple (#10) in the PERIOD OF SERVICE (#21) file. This entry will allow the selection of the OTHER NON-VETERANS Period of Service for a patient with the OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY eligibility. The pre-installation routine DG531048P will check for this entry and if not found, will add it.

Table 1 shows the enhancements and modifications included in the DG*5.3*1048 release as tracked in Atlassian Jira.

Table 1: DG*5.3*1048 Enhancements and Modifications

Jira Epic #	Summary
VES-13574	Add Federal Agencies (VistA)

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*1048 Release Notes   DG_5_3_1048_RN.PDF

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