**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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# 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.

# 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.

# 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\*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.

## New Features and Functions Added

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

## 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](#_bookmark6) 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**

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| **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

# Known Issues

No known or open issues were identified in this release.

# Product Documentation

The following documents apply to this release:

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| Title | File Name | FTP Mode |
| DG\*5.3\*976 Release Notes | DG\_53\_P976\_RN.PDF | (binary) |

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