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1. Introduction

The Blind Rehabilitation (BR) team has made updates to the BR application. This document will summarize the updates made for release ANRV*5.1.16(BR 5.1.12) and provide brief instructional text for specific updates.

2. Purpose

These release notes cover the changes to Blind Rehabilitation (BR) for this release.

3. Audience

This document targets users and administrators of Blind Rehabilitation (BR) Application and applies to the changes made between this release and any previous release for this software.

4. General Updates

The following sections provide a summary of the functions and modifications to the existing software, and any known issue for Blind Rehabilitation BR 5.1.12.

5. Enhancements and Modifications to Existing Application

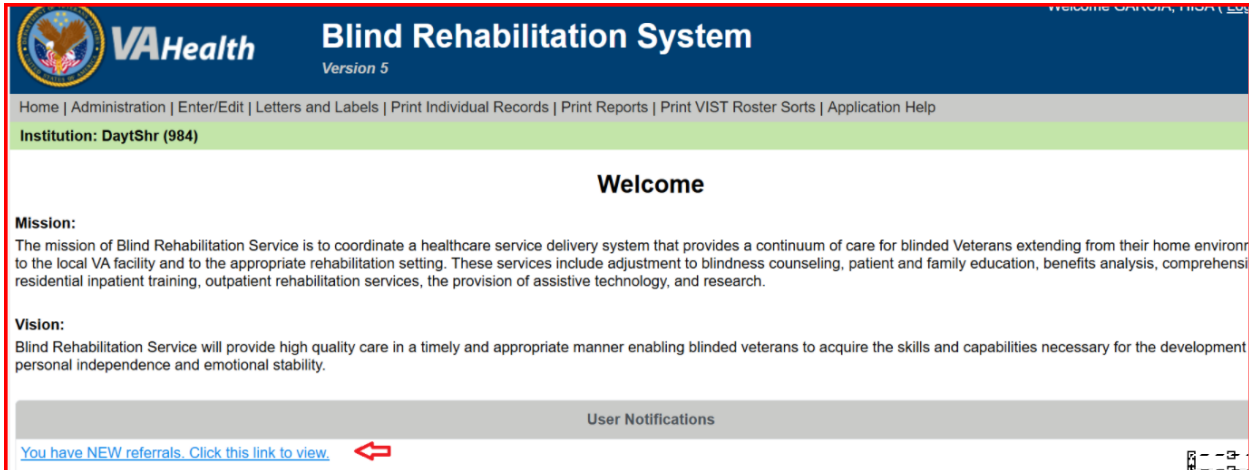
The following are the enhancements and modifications to the Blind Rehabilitation BR 5.1.12 release.

- Enhancements for users who have low vision or require the use of a screen reader
- Data entry for patients who are either not yet registered or are deceased have been prohibited
- The dates for Admission and Discharged/Transferred are auto populated for BRC type referrals
- Page Help link has been removed on all pages
- VIST Summary report for BRC type referral submissions was updated

5.1 Enhancements for low vision users

The text for User Notifications on the Home page has been enhanced so that the color contrast is stronger when a user hovers on the link. Previously, the text color upon hover did not meet the 508 color contrast criteria.

Figure 1 – User Notifications



5.2 Enhancements for users who require a screen reader

The Application Help contained links that were not understood by users relying on a screen reader for navigation. An icon link for social media sites in the main window for Help was previously reciting incoherent text. This link has been removed since it is not used.

The Page Help link in the main region of each page previously lacked keyboard accessibility for navigation when using a screen reader. Since users do not typically use the page help link, it has been removed from every page. The Application Help tab contains the same Help information and remains available to all users.

Figure 2 – Example of page with Help icon

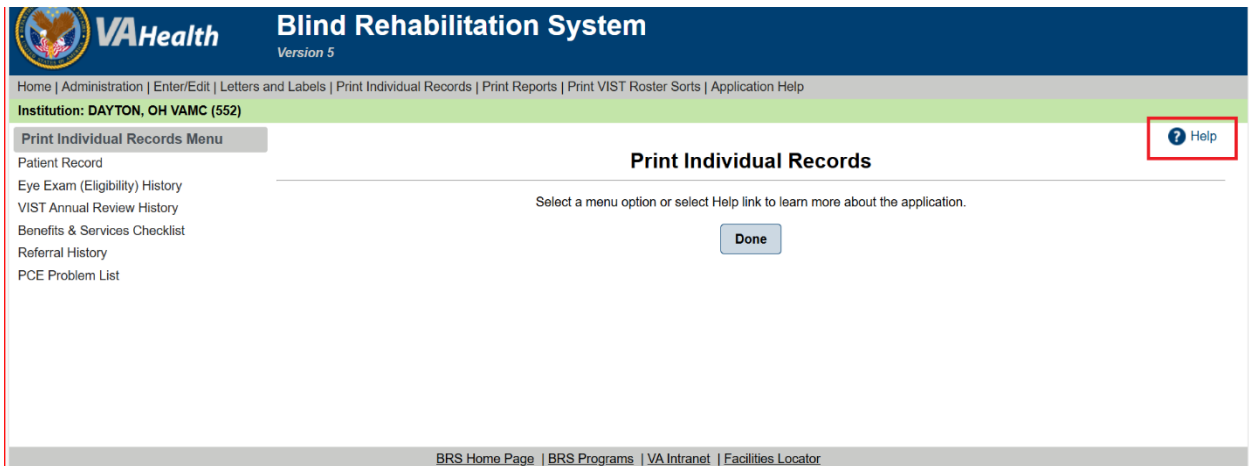
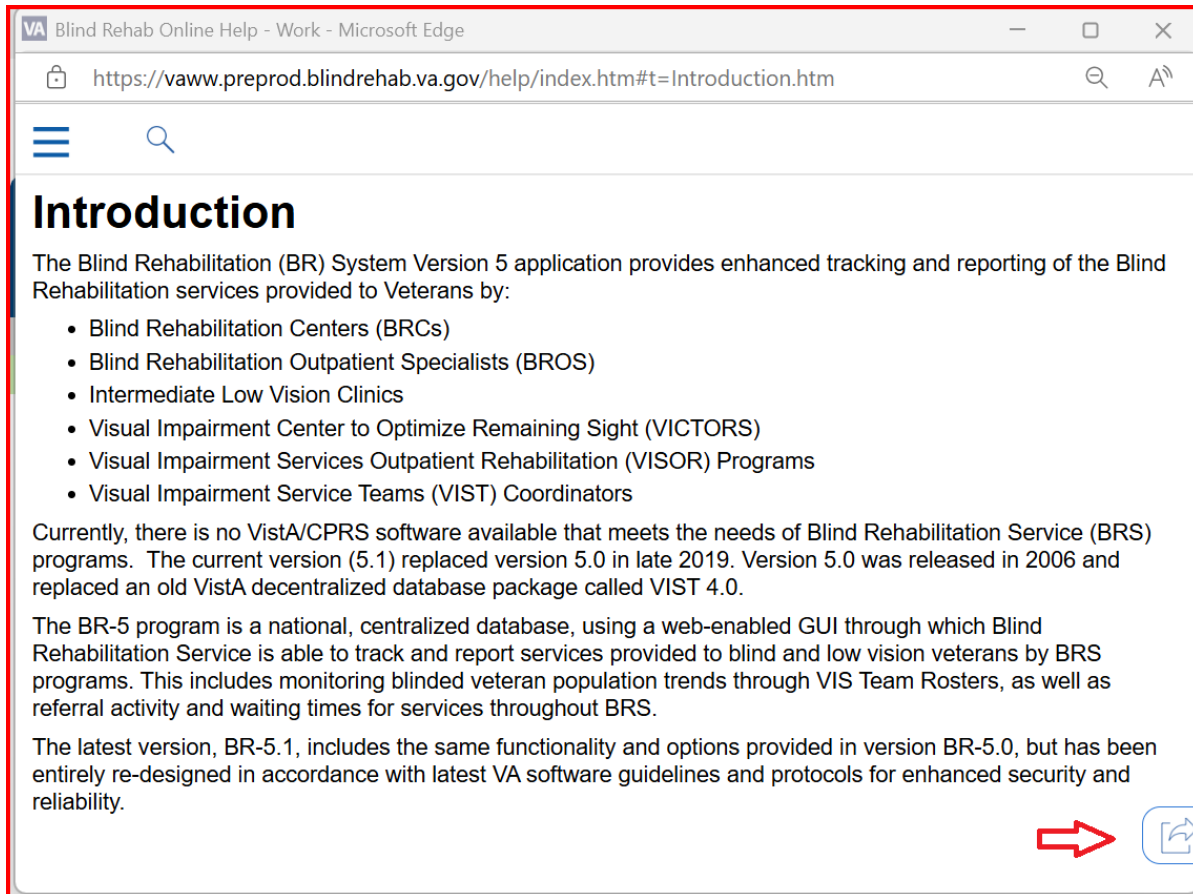


Figure 3 - Application Help page displaying social media icon



5.3 Pop up modals require confirmation

Previously, pop-up modals would allow users to TAB outside the window and return to the application without closing the pop up. Un sighted users would be unaware that the pop-up modal was still open. The application has been updated so that users cannot continue to use the application without first acknowledging and closing the pop-up window.

These pop-up windows can occur in the following scenarios:

- User attempts to enter/edit data for a patient that is not registered
- User attempts to enter/edit data for a deceased patient
- Warning timeout window opens when a user leaves their session idle

If a user TABs outside the pop-up modal, they will be navigated around the browser window but will not be allowed back to the Blind Rehabilitation application until the pop-up window has been closed.

Figure 4 – Error Encountered for unregistered patient

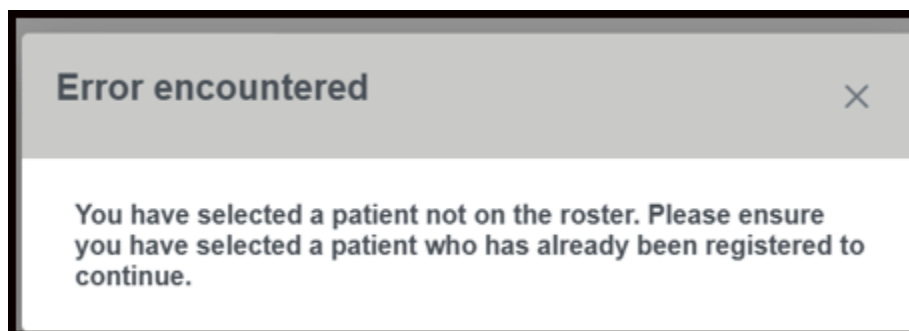
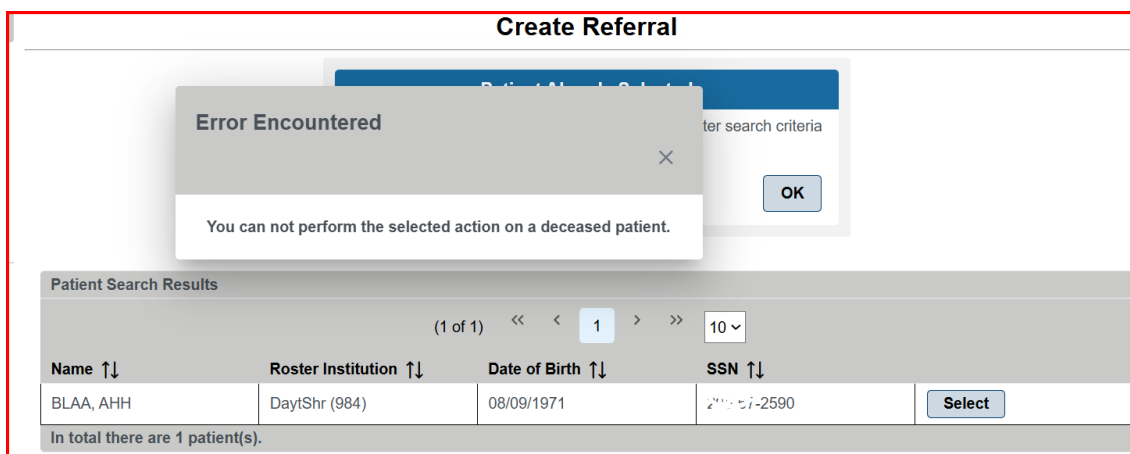


Figure 5 - Error Encountered for deceased patient



5.4 VIST Roster Summary update for BRC type referrals

The VIST Roster Summary Report for the VIST Referral Applications (BRC) statistics has been modified. The Submitted column is for all the BRC type referrals that have been referred from your institution. The Admitted and Discharged columns are based on all the BRC type referrals that have been referred to your institution which is unchanged from the previous release.

The section for VIST Referral Applications for non-BRC referrals was not changed.

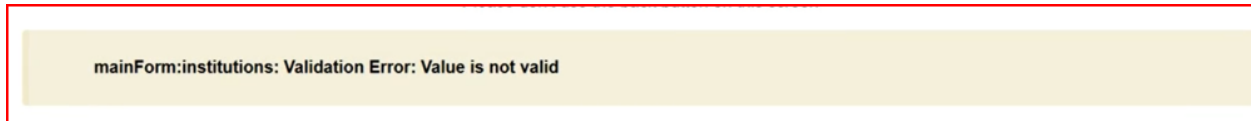
Figure 6 - VIST Roster Summary Report

| VIST Roster Summary Report | | | | Report Printed: 09/05/2025 |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Reporting Period: 10/01/2024 - 09/05/2025 | | | | |
| Institution: DaytShr - (VISN 5) | | | | |
| <u>VIST Referral Applications (BRC)</u> | <u>Submitted</u> | <u>Admitted</u> | <u>Discharged</u> | |
| BRC CAT - 1st Experience: | 16 | 0 | 1 | |
| BRC CAT - Additional Training: | 15 | 0 | 0 | |
| BRC Dual - 1st Experience: | 20 | 1 | 9 | |
| BRC Dual - Additional Training: | 14 | 1 | 1 | |
| BRC Other - 1st Experience: | 14 | 1 | 13 | |
| BRC Other - Additional Training: | 15 | 1 | 0 | |
| BRC Regular - 1st Experience: | 39 | 0 | 0 | |
| BRC Regular - Additional Training: | 13 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total for the Institution: | 146 | 4 | 24 | |
| | Referred From Daytshr | Referred To Daytshr. | Referred To Daytshr. | |

5.5 Known Issues

If you leave your log in session idle for several minutes and then click submit button for a report, you may see an error message flash on the screen. The error message disappears and the report displays to the screen without error.

Figure 7 - Example Error Message



6. Product Documentation

The following documents apply to this release:

- ANRV 5.1 Patch Description, file name ANRV_5_1_16_PD
- ANRV 5.1 Centralized Server Installation/Implementation Guide, file name ANRV_5_1_16_CIG

7. JAWS Supported Versions

The supported JAWS versions can be found at the following link: [Job Access With Speech \(JAWS\) \(va.gov\)](#) 9 depicts the supported JAWS versions in a table format.

Figure 8 - TRM approved versions of JAWS

| <Past | CY2024 | | | | CY2025 | | | | CY2026 | | |
|---------|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| Release | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 |
| 2019.x | Unapproved | Unapproved | Unapproved | Unapproved | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) |
| 2020.x | Approved w/Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16] | Approved w/Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16] | DIVEST [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | DIVEST [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) |
| 2021.x | Approved w/Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16] | Approved w/Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16] | DIVEST [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | DIVEST [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) |
| 2022.x | Approved w/Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16] | Approved w/Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16] | DIVEST [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | DIVEST [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) |
| 2023.x | Approved w/Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16] | Approved w/Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16] | DIVEST [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | DIVEST [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) |
| 2024.x | Approved w/Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16] | Approved w/Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16] | Approved w/Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | Approved w/Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | Authorized w/ Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | Authorized w/ Constraints (DIVEST) [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | Authorized w/ Constraints (DIVEST) [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | Authorized w/ Constraints (DIVEST) [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) | Authorized w/ Constraints (POA&M) |
| 2025.x | Unapproved | Unapproved | Unapproved | Unapproved | Authorized w/ Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | Authorized w/ Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | Authorized w/ Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | Authorized w/ Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | Authorized w/ Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | Authorized w/ Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] | Authorized w/ Constraints [2, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17] |
| Note: | At the time of writing, version 2025.2412.50 is the most current version, released 12/30/2024. | | | | | | | | | | |