

# **Department of Veterans Affairs**

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide a summary of enhancements and new features to the VistA Scheduling package as implemented in the patch SD\*5.3\*622.

## 2. Audience

This document targets users and administrators of the VistA Scheduling package, version 5.3.

### 2.1. This Release

The following provide the new features and functions added to the VistA Scheduling package, version 5.3 by the patch SD\*5.3\*622.

- A Clinic inactivation reminder mail message that is sent to the new mail group SD CLINIC INACTIVATE REMINDER on the date that the Clinic is set to go inactive.
- The ability to add Default Provider to the Scheduling letter template in Enter/Edit Letters.
- The ability to add Clinic Location to the Scheduling letter template in Enter/Edit Letters.
- The ability to print the Default Provider on a Scheduling letter sent or given to the Patient.
- The ability to print the Clinic location on a Scheduling letter sent or given to the Patient.
- The ability to add telephone extension to Clinic Set up.
- The ability to display/print telephone extension in Clinic Profile.
- The ability to print the Clinic telephone number and telephone extension number on a Scheduling letter sent or given to the Patient.
- The ability to display the Patient's Desired Date (current date) when Next Available prompt is answered Yes by the Clerk creating a Patient appointment
- The ability to print the Pre-appointment letter for a patient immediately after creation of the appointment and before leaving the option.
- Ensure correct entry of Desired Date in Expanded Profile (EP), Clinic Wait Time Information, for multiple appointments.

## 3. Features and Functionality

The following sections list the new features and the software components that support the features in the patch SD\*5.3\*622.

- Clinic Inactivation Reminder Mail Message – supported by the option Inactivate a clinic [SD INACTIVATE].
- Select whether or not to print the Default Provider and the Clinic Location on a letter by populating or leaving blank the new fields 'Print Default Provider?' and 'Print Clinic Location?' via the option Enter/Edit Letters [SDEDLET]

- Print Default Provider in Pre-Appointment Letter, Clinic Location, Telephone and Telephone Extension – supported by the options Make Appointment [SDM] and Print Scheduling Letters [SDPRLETTERS]. Additionally and depending on how the Pre-Appointment Letter has been set up, every time a letter is printed after a ‘No Show’ or ‘Cancel Appointment’, the resulting letter will contain the new information above.
- Print the Clinic Telephone number and Telephone Extension number on a Pre-Appointment Letter if the fields are populated when executing the option Set up a Clinic [SDBUILD].
- Display the current date (Desired Date) for 3 seconds to the clerk creating an appointment when executing the option Make Appointment [SDM],
- Print the Pre-Appointment Letter for a patient when executing the option Make Appointment [SDM].
- Display the Desired Date for an appointment when executing the option Expand Entry (EP) in screen #3 after creation of the appointment when using the Multiple Appointment Booking option
- Display/print the telephone extension on the Clinic Profile option [SDCLINIC]
- Corrected the header of the Clinic Profile option [SDCLINIC] to display only once per page

## 4. Upgrades

This is the E4 enhancement of a group of enhancements for the VistA Scheduling package. The following components have been modified or added.

- New field #99.1, TELEPHONE EXTENSION, in the HOSPITAL LOCATION file, #44.
- New field #4, PRINT DEFAULT PROVIDER?, in the LETTER file, #407.5.
- New field #5, PRINT CLINIC LOCATION?, in the LETTER file, #407.5.
- New mail group SD CLINIC INACTIVATE REMINDER, in the MAIL GROUP file, #3.8.
- Modified input template Set Up a Clinic [SDB] in the HOSPITAL LOCATION file, #44, to include the field #99.1, TELEPHONE EXTENSION.
- Modified the Pre-Appointment Letter to include more comprehensive appointment information that can display the Default Provider, Clinic Location, Telephone Number, and Telephone Extension Number when printing the letter for a Patient.
- Modified the option Make Appointment [SDM] to allow the clerk to print the Pre-Appointment Letter for a Patient before leaving the option. The default for printing the letter is No//.
- Modify Clinic Profile option [SDCLINIC] to display/print the Telephone Extension.
- Corrected the Clinic Profile option [SDCLINIC] to display and print the report header only once per page instead of twice at the top of the page.

## 5. Known Issues

There are no known issues specific to this release.

## 6. Product Documentation

The following documents apply to this release:



The ADT manuals are posted on the VistA Documentation Library (VDL) page.  
<http://www4.va.gov/vdl/application.asp?appid=55>.

Updated documentation describing the new functionality introduced by this patch is available.

The preferred method is to FTP the files from  
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This transmits the files from the first available FTP server. Sites may also elect to retrieve software directly from a specific server as follows:

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Documentation can also be found on the VA Software Documentation Library at:  
<http://www4.va.gov/vdl/>

The following VistA Scheduling user manuals are updated with changes for SD\*5.3\*622.

- Installation Guide for SD\*5.3\*622
- PIMS v5.3 Scheduling Module User Manual Appointment Menu
- PIMS v5.3 Scheduling Module User Manual Scheduling Menu
- VSE E4 System Design Document
- PIMS 5.3 Technical Manual