Eligibility and Enrollment (E&E)

Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Enrollment System (VES) 6.1.1

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1 Introduction

The mission of the VA OIT Development, Security, and Operations is to provide benefits to Veterans and their families. In order to meet this overarching goal, OIT is charged with providing high quality, effective and efficient IT services and Operations and Maintenance (O&M) to persons and organizations that provide point-of-care services to our Veterans.

The VA's goals for its Veterans and families include:

- Make it easier for Veterans and their families to receive the right benefits and meeting their expectations for quality, timeliness and responsiveness.

- Improve the quality and accessibility of health care, benefits and memorial services while optimizing value.

- Provide world-class health care delivery, by partnering with each Veteran to create a personalized, proactive strategy to optimize health and well-being, while providing state of the art disease management.

- Ensure awareness and understanding of the personalized, proactive and patient-driven health care model through education and monitoring.

- Provide convenient access to information regarding VA health benefits, medical records, health information, expert advice and ongoing support needed to make informed health decisions and successfully implement the Veteran's personal health plans.

- Receive timely, high quality, personalized, safe, effective and equitable health care, not dependent upon geography, gender, age, culture, race, or sexual orientation.

- Strengthen collaborations with communities and organizations, such as the Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), academic affiliates and other service organizations.

To assist in meeting these goals, the Eligibility and Enrollment (E&E) program will provide enterprise wide enhancements and sustainment for the following systems/applications:

- The VHA Enrollment System (VES) is the authoritative system for VA enrollment and Community Care static eligibility determinations.

- Income Verification Match (IVM)/Enrollment Database (EDB) assists in determining priority grouping for health care eligibility.

- Veterans Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) Registration, Eligibility & Enrollment (REE) shares information with other VistA applications and enables registration and preliminary eligibility determinations and enrollment at VA Medical Centers (VAMC). VES makes the final eligibility determinations.

- The Veteran's On-Line Application (VOA), now referred to as Health Care Application (HCA), enables Veterans to self-enroll in VA health care and is another entry point for records to be added to VES.

E&E defines VHA Profiles (VHAP) for which a client (Veteran, Service Member, or beneficiary) is eligible and ties them to the authority for care. Key enhancements to be completed include Pending Eligibility Determination, fixes to the VHA Enrollment System, Date of Death, Internal Controls, Workflow, Veterans Financial Assessment, converting of Military Service Data Sharing (MSDS) to Enterprise Military Information Service (eMIS), Manage Relationships, Veteran Contact Service and support for VES Integrated Veteran Care (IVC) Systems Impact (VES/IVC SI).

2   Purpose

The purpose of this Release Notes document is to announce the release of the VES 6.1.1. This release, developed in Java technology, contains E&E development and upgrade efforts. This release includes defect fixes to support VES Sustainment.

3   Audience

This document targets users and administrators of VES 6.1.1 and applies to the changes made between this release and any previous release for this software.

4   This Release

VES will be upgraded from Version 6.1 to Version 6.1.1 and hosted by Amazon Web Services.

The following sections provide a summary of the defects and fixes to the existing software and any known issues for VES 6.1.1.

4.1   Defects and Fixes

Table 1 lists the sustainment defects and fixes and corresponding Jira issue numbers included in VES 6.1.1.

Table 1: Sustainment Defects and Fixes in VES 6.1.1

Jira Issue #	Summary
VES-2297	**Defect**: Section 508: On the Expire Hardship screen the title of the page (Enrollment System Financials Hardship Overview) is read several times. **Fix**: Updated code to read the page title only once.
VES-11863	**Defect**: Legacy system parameters need to be removed. **Fix**: Removed from the code base system parameters that were invented to control rollout of functionality or parameters that should never be changed again.
VES-12830	**Defect**: The query "VMBPRecalculateProcess.getVMBPRecalcPersons" is experiencing performance issues. **Fix**: Created new query that executes in < 9 seconds compared to > 7 minutes.
VES-13884	**Defect**: Section 508: Job Access With Speech (JAWS) is not reading some of the expandable sections of the Edit Current Eligibility / VHA Profiles screens. **Fix:** Updated code so that upon selection of the expandable sections, JAWS reads as "Expandable Section – Expanded" or "Expandable Section – Collapsed".
VES-19082	**Defect**: The geographic means test (GMT) threshold is not updating when dependents are added. **Fix**: Updated code so that the GMT threshold updates according to the valid dependents added or removed from the means test.

Jira Issue #	Summary
VES-19255	**Defect**: The Cancel button on the Do You Wish To Enroll? popup message is not working correctly. **Fix**: Updated code so that when a user clicks the Cancel button, the correct popup message appears and the enrollment status does not change.
VES-19951	**Defect**: When VES receives a Z07 message to add Associates to a record with an Organization, VES is adding duplicate Associates without adding the Organization. **Fix**: Resolved the issue by removing the Organization checks from Operational Decision Manager (ODM) rules and the application.
VES-20503	**Defect**: Section 508: The radio button groups on several screens are not labelled correctly. **Fix**: Updated all affected screens so that the radio button group label is read when focus is first put in the radio button group.

4.2 Known Issues

No known or open issues were identified in this release.

5 Product Documentation

The following documents apply to this release:

- VES 6.1.1 Release Notes are uploaded to the VA Software Document Library.
- Additional reference documentation related to this release is stored in GitHub.