

Release Notes for VHA Enrollment System - VES 6.5.3

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The mission of the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Office of Information and Technology (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.

Epics

Key	Summary	Description
VES-30427	VES 6.5.3	Functionality to certify VA Profile addresses, email addresses and phone numbers to send and receive communications with Veterans.

Stories

Key	Summary
VES-28791	Update ODM MSDS Combat Veteran Eligibility Date Calculation
