

Release Notes for VHA Enrollment System - VES v6.6.0

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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.

Change Requests

Key	Summary
VES-13509	Other than Honorable (OTH) Mental Health Pending Verification
VES-22019	Receive Demographics Push Updates from VA Profile
VES-25708	VHAP Copay Effective Date
VES-26151	Allow "No Residential Address" Records in Community Care (CC) Eligibility File
VES-26620	Create New COMPACT Eligibility Rules for Registration Only and Pending Records
VES-29490	Change "Indian" Permissions Type

Epics

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VES-13607	OTH Mental Health Pending Verification (VES)	Desired Functionality: As Enrollment Standardization Office (ESO) staff, I need the ability to place a record in Pending to add a Mental Health episode. As ESO staff, I need to modify the current enrollment status to remain Not Eligible when a period of Mental Health is added. As ESO staff, I need the enrollment status to reflect the appropriate priority group when a mental health episode is added.
VES-21637	Claims Processing & Eligibility (CP&E): Process Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) Medicare Rules Phase 2	Desired Functionality: Add functionality for Medicare to existing legacy VES Insurance screens and historical information to Veteran Family Member Program (VFMP) eligibility screens. Currently, this desired functionality is under analysis.
VES-22332	CP&E Data Migration RSD	Desired Functionality: Migrate eligibility- and demographic-related beneficiary and sponsor records from the legacy CP&E system to VES based on the most recent records with a lookback of six years or less. Currently, this effort is under analysis until which time all of the rules and user interfaces have been deployed to accommodate the migration, which is forecasted for a future date in 2025.
VES-22404	Receive Demographics Push Updates from VA Profile (VES)	Due to seeding efforts between VA Profile and VES, a Change Request (CR) is being submitted to VES for receiving the demographics push updates from VA Profile to ensure data is in sync. Without this push, systems may not be in sync and could prove to be problematic for VES and VA Profile with other demographic data. This will include the demographic fields below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Marital Status, * Religion * Race * Ethnicity * Preferred Language Note: Preferred Language is not currently sent to VA Profile and will need to be added to the BIO (VA Profile Message Structure) Note: Seeding activities for Preferred Language to also be completed with this CR as detailed in CR# VES-25155
VES-23169	Send CP&E Eligibility Plus Files	Desired Functionality: VES to send new or modified beneficiary information to Payer Electronic Data Exchange (PED/TAS) via the Eligibility Plus file. Currently this effort is under analysis.
VES-25578	Qualifying Event Date User Interface (UI) Changes	Desired Functionality: Based on feedback collected during user acceptance testing, the screen's label names will be changed, the functionality to copy the calculated "QE Date" to the "QE Date" used in the eligibility calculation is added, and the "QE Date" field will be disabled from entry if the user is not a supervisor.
VES-25772	Copay Effective Date Analysis, Design & Development (VES)	To ensure accurate billing, Cerner Millennium must know the date on which the Service Connected (SC) Combined %, Special Authority, or any award date that would change a veteran's copay responsibilities became effective so subsequent charges can be correctly reconciled. In addition, Hardship and Means Test factors must be taken into account for Non-Service Connected Veteran changes. Partner integration concerns include VA Profile - Add

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		"Copay Effective Date" to VeteranMedicalBenefitPlanBio (VA Profile CR submitted); Rhapsody mapping; Oracle Cerner Millennium display and utilization in billing calculation
VES-26457	CP&E: Manage Spina Bifida (SB) Eligibility	Desired Functionality: Add enhancements to the VFMP eligibility screens to support the Children of Women Vietnam Veterans (CWVV) and SB Programs; currently these desired enhancements are under analysis.
VES-26707	Create new COMPACT Eligibility Rules for Registration Only and Pending Records	Desired Functionality: We would like VES to automatically determine COMPACT Eligibility if a Veteran is 10% or more SC or meets the minimum duty requirements based on the MSE present. Set COMPACT Eligibility Indicator to blank/null for those in Registration Only that do not meet the above, Not Applicable, or have a Pending Verification Eligibility Status with a Null/Blank Pending Reason.
VES-27318	Allow "No Residential Address" Records in CC Eligibility File	Desired Functionality: As Office of Integrated Veteran Care (IVC) staff, I need all records of individuals who are eligible or no longer eligible for care in the community placed in the CC Eligibility File, so that appropriate information is available to appoint care.
VES-28338	CP&E: Change Link Text on View Screens	Desired Functionality: Requirements contain minor changes to the Sponsor and Beneficiary screens that were identified by the stakeholder or Business Analysts during the User Acceptance Testing or from internal defects. Target release for implementation and subsequent deployment is VES v6.6.0.
VES-28602	CP&E: Set Status and Reason for Auto_Calc Off	The Enrollment System VFMP CHAMPVA Rules will be modified to set the Status and the Reason for a record when Auto-Calc is set to OFF. Currently the systems sets these values to blank.
VES-28605	CP&E: Manage Marriage and Remarriage Dates	Desired Functionality: Add functionality related to the entry and processing of marriage/remarriage dates. Currently this desired functionality is under analysis.
VES-29539	Change "Indian" Permissions Type (VES)	Desired Functionality: Make the Indian question answerable through permissions. Make the permission a standalone permission to be assigned to specific users. Remove current permission from all existing user roles.

Bugs

Key	Summary
VES-24138	Latest 1010-EZ view broken in Chrome and Edge
VES-26607	Person Merge failing for missing combat episodes
VES-27236	VES UI Add a Person allowing duplicate proxy_add requests upon complete registration
VES-27807	Jasper report templates no longer found on classpath
VES-28022	VES UI allowing invalid chars in spouse maiden name
VES-28532	Username must be alphanumeric is no longer valid
VES-29215	Hardship was granted but the Priority Group remained rejected
VES-30905	COMPACT Indicator not displayed in E&E Service