

## Release Notes for VHA Enrollment System - VES 6.7.1

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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-30308	Change Combat Veteran Rules (Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act (PACT)) + Toxic Exposure Risk Activity (TERA)

**Epics**

Key	Summary	Description
VES-30415	TERA Indicator - PACT (VES)	<p>Desired Functionality:</p> <p>As a VES user, when a new Combat Veteran enrollment is added, place the Veteran in Priority Group (PG) 8c or higher.</p> <p>As a VES user, when a new Combat Veteran enrollment is created and if over the income threshold, place in PG 8c if no other eligibility exists.</p> <p>As a VES user, when a Combat Veteran enrolls outside of their Combat Veteran eligibility window, place the Veteran in PG 8c, unless eligible for a higher priority group.</p> <p>As a VES User, when an existing Combat Veteran in PG 8e/8g and outside of their combat window, updates their financial means test, calculate to place in PG 8c unless eligible for higher priority group.</p> <p>As a VES User, when an existing Combat Veteran in PG 8e/8g updates their financial means test, calculate to place in PG 6 unless eligible for higher priority group.</p> <p>As a VES User, I need the ability to select an option labeled as Toxic Exposure Risk Activity or TERA and calculate the record to be placed in PG 6 unless eligible for a high priority group. This option will perform in the same manner as Southwest (SW) Asia Conditions or Environmental Exposures as it reads on the backend.</p> <p>Acceptance Criteria:</p> <p>Change Combat Veteran rules to never place a Combat Veteran in PG 8g..</p> <p>Do not auto enroll existing Combat Veterans in PG 8e/8g (due to potential issues with Other Health Insurance (OHI)).</p> <p>Update existing records in PG 8e/8g when a new financial means test is added.</p> <p>Maintain PG 6 if TERA is selected – same as the SW Asia Condition rules.</p>

**Bugs**

Key	Summary
VES-34870	Default military service episode (MSE) dates unqualifying for World War II (WWII) eligibility
VES-35545	Enable editing of claim folder information