

Release Notes for VHA Enrollment System - VES 6.7.0

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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-17001	Add Uncharacterized as a Discharge Type
VES-24470	Create Registration Only Form on va.gov
VES-27431	Change Request - Sec 101 to include all World War II (WWII) Veterans

Epics

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VES-14531	Phase 2 - Remove Z07 Inconsistency Checks from VistA to ES (VES)	<p>Currently there are Z07 transmission blocks that are triggered as the result of outbound message from VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) and Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOCs) going (or not going) from VistA to VES. Many of these blocks result from the multiple (68) inconsistency checks that are performed by VistA, some of which are not necessary for VES to receive the transmission. Some unnecessarily serve to reduce the chance of a Z07 effectively leaving VistA in the first place.</p> <p>Due to Z07 blocks, Veteran address information may not reach its destination downstream to VES, resulting in the lack of information required for medications to be directed toward the correct address or directed to any address at all.</p> <p>Included Scope for Phase 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Claim Number and Folder location will be read only. - VES will accept and display Radiation Exposure information for a non-Veteran.
VES-17488	Add Uncharacterized as a Discharge Type (VES)	Veterans that receive an uncharacterized discharge type may require adjudication. This type of discharge needs to be properly annotated on the Veterans record. To do this, the Discharge Type dropdown on Military Service needs to include Uncharacterized as a discharge type.
VES-20944	Apply Automated Eligibility Rules for Multiple Veteran Family Medical Programs (VFMPs)	<p>As a VFMP Eligibility system, I need the ability to apply automated eligibility business rules for multiple Health Care Programs, so that I can manage the eligibility status for multiple Health Care Programs. Such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Standard Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) b) Caregiver CHAMPVA c) FMP d) Children of Women Vietnam Veterans (CWVV) e) Spina Bifida (SB) f) Camp Lejeune
VES-20952	Assign Denial Reason to CHAMPVA Records in VFMP System	<p>As a VFMP Eligibility system, I need the ability to create a denial reason and discontinue processing eligibility for Standard CHAMPVA, so that I can create a denial reason and discontinue processing eligibility when the categories for eligibility are not met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Qualified Sponsor b) Valid Spouse Relationship c) Valid Dependent Child Relationship d) TRICARE Coverage e) Sufficient Medicare Coverage <p>Note: This refers to the status that is assigned based on documentation entered (Already included in the VFMP rules)</p>
VES-20954	Generate and Send Acceptance Letter with Identification (ID) Card to Person in VFMP System	As a VFMP Eligibility system, I need the ability to generate notification correspondence indicating the enrollment status of "eligible" as well as additional instructions and ID card, so that I can generate notification correspondence of enrollment "eligible" and additional instructions with an ID card to the applicant.

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VES-21005	Register Specific Enrolled Persons to Pharmacy Benefits Manager via Eligibility Plus file	As a VFMP Eligibility system, I need the ability to register a person who is enrolled in the Standard, Caregiver CHAMPVA, SB or CWVV plan, in the PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER group, so that I can determine eligibility.
VES-21011	Provide Response to Query Indicating Person is Not Found in Office of Community Care (OCC)	As a VFMP Eligibility system, I need the ability to prepare and return a response to a request or query indicating the person is not found when the person is not enrolled in any OCC Health Care Plans/ Groups, so that I can determine eligibility.
VES-21086	Receive and Process Requests via Claims Processing System Interface in VFMP System	As a VFMP Eligibility system, I need the ability to receive and process a query from the Claims Processing System for eligibility status on date of service and eligibility period information, so that I can manage data/information for eligibility.
VES-21119	View VFMP Eligibility Status in VFMP System	As a VFMP Eligibility system, I need the ability to view eligibility status information related to any VFMP program, so that I can manage data/information for eligibility.
VES-21120	View VFMP Eligibility Period Information in VFMP System	As a VFMP Eligibility system, I need the ability to view eligibility period information (dates) related to any VFMP program, so that I can manage data/information for eligibility.
VES-21122	View Application & Evidence Information in VFMP System	As a VFMP Eligibility system, I need the ability to view application and evidence information for a person, so that I can manage data/information for eligibility.
VES-21348	CP&E Migration for CHAMPVA Standard (M-Development)	Migration of CHAMPVA Standard
VES-21636	Process CHAMPVA Renamed Widow	Process CHAMPVA Renamed Widow
VES-21637	Process CHAMPVA Medicare Rules Phase 2	Process Medicare Phase 2 Requirements Specification Document (RSD)
VES-22332	CP&E Data Migration RSD	CP&E Data Migration RSD
VES-23169	Send CP&E Eligibility Plus Files	Send CPE Eligibility Plus File RSD
VES-24782	Create Registration Only Form on va.gov	Create Registration Only Form on va.gov
VES-2469	VMBP: LTC - (Phase 1): Designate a Veteran who is Exempt from the LTC Copayments and the Reason for the Exemption	As a VES User, I need the ability to designate a Veteran who is exempt from the LTC copayments and the reason for the exemption.
VES-26275	Manage VES Medicare Information Phase 1	This RSD describes the business rules that will be used to define, implement, and process Medicare data associated the standard CHAMPVA beneficiaries.
VES-26457	Manage Spina Bifida Eligibility	Manage Spina Bifida Eligibility RSD
VES-28283	Sec 101 to include all WWII Veterans (VES)	The Consolidations Appropriations Act of 2023 (P. L. 117-328) includes The Cleland Dole Act and The Strong Veterans Act were passed into law December 29, 2022. The amendment shall take effect on March 31, 2023. The law: SEC. 101. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HOSPITAL CARE, MEDICAL SERVICES, AND NURSING HOME CARE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO INCLUDE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II. (a) IN GENERAL. — Section 1710(a)(2)(E) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking "of the Mexican border period or of World War I;" and inserting "of— "(i) the Mexican border period; "(ii) World War I; or H. R. 2617—950 "(iii) World War II;". (b) EFFECTIVE DATE. The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on March 31, 2023.

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		<p>Until this law was passed only World War II (WWII) Veterans with service-connected disabilities or with incomes below certain thresholds were eligible to enroll in the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This new law makes *+all WWII Veterans+* eligible for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care from VA. Veterans who are currently eligible for care solely because of low incomes also would be eligible for care at a higher priority level than they currently receive. They also would be eligible for reduced copayments for care.</p> <p>* As an ES User, if a Veteran's calculated HEC Period of Service is determined to be World War II era, *+all WWII Veterans+* will be eligible for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care from VA. Eligibility for these Veterans will no longer be dependent upon service-connected disabilities or certain income thresholds. These Veterans will be placed in Priority Group 6.</p>
VES-29882	HDSO CP&E CHAMPVA Caregiver Acceptance and ID Card	This RSD describes the business rules that will be used to define, implement, and process Medicare data associated the standard CHAMPVA beneficiaries.
VES-30508	Solution Architecture and Design	Solution Architecture and Design
VES-30514	DEV Analysis of Batch Job Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Analyzing existing batch jobs. -Analyzing existing batch job Technical Specifications -Analyzing structure and use of AbstractDataQueryProcess Java Class. -Analyzing use of Batch Process admin webpage in VES