Update for CIO

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Weekly update on Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER)

As of November 8, 2012, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Department of Defense (DoD) have transferred 1,123 Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) case files within Electronic Case File Transfer (eCFT). eCFT enables VA and the Military Services to meet the Secretary of VA and the Secretary of Defense's directive to create a paperless, searchable IDES claims file transferred between VA and DoD. Previously, hard-copy case files—including service treatment records (STRs), commanders' letters, narrative summaries, and compensation and pension examination reports—were sent via FedEx or other delivery methods. By using a shared, paperless, and searchable system, the Military Services and VA will increase the accountability, efficiency, and transparency of the IDES process. Eleven of the 139 IDES sites began using eCFT on September 28, 2012. The current plan is to expand eCFT to all 139 IDES sites, servicing 30,000 wounded warriors, beginning January 2013. A decision to expand this system nationwide is expected January 2013.

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