**Eligibility and Enrollment (E&E)**

**Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA)   
Registration, Eligibility & Enrollment (REE)**

**Registration (DG) Patch DG\*5.3\*1118**

**Release Notes**



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# Introduction

The release of VistA REE PackMan patch DG\*5.3\*1118 is being released to support enhancements for the Eligibility and Enrollment (E&E) program.

Patch DG\*5.3\*1118 is also being released in support of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Enrollment System (VES) 6.10 release.

# Purpose

The Release Notes cover the changes to the VistA REE Registration (DG) system for this release.

# Audience

This document targets users and administrators of VistA REE and applies to the changes made between this release and any previous release for this software.

# This Release

This release is distributed as a PackMan patch. Refer to the Software and Documentation Retrieval Instructions section of the patch description for information on obtaining the PackMan patch DG\*5.3\*1118 and related documentation.

The following sections provide a summary of the enhancements and modifications to the existing software for VistA REE with the release of patch DG\*5.3\*1118.

## New Features and Functions Added

There are no new features or functions added to VistA REE for DG\*5.3\*1118.

## Enhancements and Modifications

Patch DG\*5.3\*1118 modifies two entries in the PERIOD OF SERVICE file (#21).

Patch DG\*5.3\*1118 modifies seven entries in the INCONSISTENT DATA ELEMENTS file (#38.6) and via a pre-install routine checks two additional entries to ensure their names are correct.

Patch DG\*5.3\*1118 adds text to the HELP PROMPT, DESCRIPTION and TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION fields of the TOXIC EXPOSURE RISK ACTIVITY field (#.32116) in the PATIENT file (#2).

Table 1 shows the enhancements and modifications included in the DG\*5.3\*1118 release as tracked in Atlassian Jira.

Table 1: DG\*5.3\*1118 Enhancements and Modifications

| **Jira Epic #** | **Summary** |
| --- | --- |
| VES-16903 | Vietnam Military Service Episode Dates (VistA) |
| VES-37080 | Phase 5 - Remove Z07 Inconsistency Checks from VistA to ES (VistA) |
| VES-39459 | Change TERA Display in VistA |

**List of Updates**

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SECTION 1: DATA DICTIONARY UPDATES

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1. The BEGIN DATE field (#.04) and the BRIEF DESCRIPTION field (#20) in the PERIOD OF SERVICE file (#21) for the VIETNAM ERA entry is modified to NOV 01, 1955 and 11/1/1955-5/7/1975 respectively. This update occurs via a post-install routine. Refer to the Pre/Post Installation Overview section of the patch description for details on this process.

NAME: VIETNAM ERA ABBREVIATION: VE

CODE: 7 BEGIN DATE: NOV 01, 1955

END DATE: MAY 07, 1975 WAR/PEACE: WAR

LATEST DOB: 1960 PTF CODE: 6

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: (11/1/1955-5/7/1975)

ELIGIBILITY: SERVICE CONNECTED 50% to 100%

ELIGIBILITY: AID & ATTENDANCE

ELIGIBILITY: SC LESS THAN 50%

ELIGIBILITY: NSC, VA PENSION

ELIGIBILITY: NSC

ELIGIBILITY: HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY

ELIGIBILITY: DOM. PATIENT

ELIGIBILITY: HOUSEBOUND

ELIGIBILITY: PRISONER OF WAR

ELIGIBILITY: PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT

1. The END DATE field (#.05) and the BRIEF DESCRIPTION field (#20) in the PERIOD OF SERVICE file (#21) for the POST-KOREAN entry is modified to OCT 31, 1955 and 2/1/1955-10/31/1955 respectively. This update occurs via a post-install routine. Refer to the Pre/Post Installation Overview section of the patch description for details on this process.

NAME: POST-KOREAN CODE: 5

BEGIN DATE: FEB 01, 1955 END DATE: OCT 31, 1955

WAR/PEACE: PEACE LATEST DOB: 1949

PTF CODE: 5 BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

(2/1/1955-10/31/1955)

ELIGIBILITY: SERVICE CONNECTED 50% to 100%

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1. Field (#5) CHECK/DON'T CHECK and field (#6) USE FOR Z07 CHECK in the INCONSISTENT DATA ELEMENTS File (#38.6) will be verified to be 'DON'T CHECK' and 'NO' respectively. If not, they will be reset to those values. The entries are listed here after being reset:

NUMBER: 4 NAME: DOB UNSPECIFIED

TEXT: 'DATE OF BIRTH' IS UNSPECIFIED KEY REQUIRED: NO KEY REQUIRED

SET ELIG DR STRING: NO CHECK/DON'T CHECK: DON'T CHECK

USE FOR Z07 CHECK: NO

DESCRIPTION: Inconsistency results if the 'DOB' prompt is not

answered.

NUMBER: 11 NAME: SC PROMPT INCONSISTENT

TEXT: 'SERVICE CONNECTED' PROMPT INCONSISTENT WITH NON-VET STATUS

KEY REQUIRED: ELIGIBILITY VERIFIED SET ELIG DR STRING: YES

CHECK/DON'T CHECK: DON'T CHECK USE FOR Z07 CHECK: NO

DESCRIPTION: Inconsistency results if the 'SERVICE CONNECTED' prompt

is inconsistent with the 'VETERAN (Y/N)' prompt.

NUMBER: 19 NAME: ELIG/NONVET STAT

INCONSISTENT

TEXT: 'ELIGIBILITY CODE' INCONSISTENT WITH NON-VET STATUS

KEY REQUIRED: ELIGIBILITY VERIFIED SET ELIG DR STRING: YES

CHECK/DON'T CHECK: DON'T CHECK USE FOR Z07 CHECK: NO

DESCRIPTION: Inconsistency results if the 'VETERAN (Y/N)' prompt is

answered NO but the 'ELIGIBILITY CODE' assigned is a veteran specific

code.

NUMBER: 34 NAME: POW CLAIMED, NONVET

TEXT: 'PRISONER OF WAR' CONFINEMENT INDICATED FOR NON-VETERAN

KEY REQUIRED: SERVICE VERIFIED SET ELIG DR STRING: YES

CHECK/DON'T CHECK: DON'T CHECK USE FOR Z07 CHECK: NO

DESCRIPTION: Inconsistency results if the patient is a non-veteran and

the 'WERE YOU A PRISONER OF WAR' prompt is answered YES.

NUMBER: 309 NAME: PATIENT RELATIONSHIP INVALID

TEXT: RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT IS NOT A VALID VALUE

KEY REQUIRED: NO KEY REQUIRED SET ELIG DR STRING: NO

CHECK/DON'T CHECK: DON'T CHECK USE FOR Z07 CHECK: NO

DESCRIPTION: The value of Relationship to Patient does not match one of

the valid values.

NUMBER: 310 NAME: DEPENDENT EFF. DATE REQUIRED

TEXT: DEPENDENT(S) EFFECTIVE DATE IS MISSING

KEY REQUIRED: NO KEY REQUIRED SET ELIG DR STRING: NO

CHECK/DON'T CHECK: DON'T CHECK USE FOR Z07 CHECK: NO

DESCRIPTION: A dependent is present but the effective date is null.

NUMBER: 312 NAME: PERSON MUST HAVE NATIONAL

ICN

TEXT: PERSON MUST HAVE NATIONAL ICN KEY REQUIRED: NO KEY REQUIRED

SET ELIG DR STRING: NO CHECK/DON'T CHECK: DON'T CHECK

USE FOR Z07 CHECK: NO

DESCRIPTION: Person does not have National ICN.

1. The TOXIC EXPOSURE RISK ACTIVITY field (#.32116) in the PATIENT file (#2) has text added to the HELP PROMPT, DESCRIPTION and TECHNICAL DESCR fields as shown below:

DATA NAME GLOBAL DATA

ELEMENT TITLE LOCATION TYPE

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2,.32116 TOXIC EXPOSURE RISK ACTIVITY .321;16 SET (BOOLEAN Data Type)

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HELP-PROMPT: This field is not editable in VistA and

is only shared so that it may be displayed

to a VistA user along with the patient's

other Environmental Factors. Any required

updates can only be made in VES.

DESCRIPTION: This field should be set to YES if the

patient claims exposure to Toxic Exposure

Risk Activity (TERA), NO if there was no

exposure or UNKNOWN if exposure is not

known. The Toxic Exposure Risk Activity

indicator will be entered and

maintained by the VHA Enrollment System

and shared with VistA via HL7 messaging.

The field will not be editable in VistA

and is only shared so that it may be

displayed to a VistA user along with the

patient's other Environmental Factors.

The TERA Indicator is stored internally

as 1 for YES, 0 for No and NULL for

UNKNOWN.

TECHNICAL DESCR: The Toxic Exposure Risk Activity (TERA)

Indicator is stored internally as 1 for

YES, 0 for No and NULL for UNKNOWN.

It will be entered and maintained by

the VHA Enrollment System and shared

with VistA via HL7 messaging.

Write access for this field is "^". This

field is UNEDITABLE.

WRITE AUTHORITY: ^

UNEDITABLE

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SECTION 2: REGISTRATION SCREEN UPDATES

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The ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS screen of the Environment Factors data group (3) on the MILITARY SERVICE DATA, SCREEN <6> screen has been updated. The TERA prompt will display UNKNOWN if the TOXIC EXPOSURE RISK ACTIVITY field (#.32116) of the PATIENT file (#2) is NULL. The default value for a patient is "UNKNOWN" if no value was entered.

TEST,PATIENT A MMM DD, YYYY

###-##-#### NSC VETERAN

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\*\*\*\* ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS \*\*\*\*

<1> A/O Exp.: Reg: Exam:

<2> ION Rad.: Reg: Method:

[3] SW Asia Cond: NO Reg: Exam:

[4] N/T Radium:

<5> Camp Lejeune:

<6> TERA: UNKNOWN

Only VES users may enter/edit Agent Orange or ION Radiation Exposure or

Toxic Exposure Risk Activity (TERA).

Figure 1: ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS Screen

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SECTION 3: VADPT API & ICR MODIFICATIONS

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In support of external packages requiring access to the new TOXIC EXPOSURE RISK ACTIVITY field (#.32116) of the PATIENT file (#2), patch DG\*5.3\*1118 modifies the supported Integration Control Registration (ICR) #10061 for the Service data Application Programming Interface (API) in SVC^VADPT. The new TOXIC EXPOSURE RISK ACTIVITY field (#.32116) field is accessible in the (15) node of the array created by SVC^VADPT (API). The format of this field will be the internal and external values separated by a "^" character. The data in node 15 will be either "1^YES", "0^NO", or, if the value of the field is NULL, the return value will be "^UNKNOWN".

For example: VASV(15)="^UNKNOWN"

The optional input variable VAHOW can be set to return the data in alpha subscripts. The TERA indicator is returned in the "TERA" subscript.

For example: VASV("TERA")="0^NO"

NOTE: For additional information on the SVC^VAPDT API, see the Patient Information

Management System (PIMS) Technical Manual located on the Veteran Affairs (VA) Software

Document Library.

## Known Issues

No known or open issues were identified in this release.

## Product Documentation

The following documents apply to this release:

Documentation Title File Name

DG\*5.3\*1118 Release Notes DG\_5\_3\_1118\_RN.PDF  
PIMS Version 5.3 Technical Manual PIMS\_TM.PDF  
PIMS Version 5.3 User Manual - Registration Menu PIMS\_REG\_UM.PDF

Refer to the Software and Documentation Retrieval Instructions section of the patch descriptions for information on obtaining the DG\*5.3\*1118 PackMan patch and related documentation.

Documentation can be found on the VA Software Documentation Library at: <http://www.va.gov/vdl/>.