

# **Blind Rehabilitation (BR)**

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## **Release Notes**



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# 1 Purpose

The Blind Rehabilitation (BR) team has made updates to the BR application. This document will summarize the updates made for release 5.1.10 and provide brief instructional text for specific updates.

## 1.1 General Updates

The 5.1.10 release includes improvements to the retrieval of patient information upon enrollment to the Blind Rehabilitation roster. Patient records will display Addresses, Date of Birth, Service Connection Eligibility, Rated Disabilities, Priority Group, and Military Service

The Patient Referral History status is now accessible for screen readers. JAWS can be used to read the table using short cut SHIFT T to find the table.

Sensitive patients will be marked in the BR application. If a patient has a Restricted Record, the patient's full Social Security Number (SSN) will appear followed by "(Sensitive)". The Social Security Number xxx-xx-xxxx (Sensitive) will appear in the Patient Already Selected or Current Patient box. Any patient that is marked as \*Sensitive\* will also be visible to the user during enrollment.

Restored Functionality:

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Utilizing the Enter/Edit BR Patient menu, the patient's current Vista demographics data will be saved to the BR database by executing Save and Continue.

## 2 Sensitive Patient

The **Enter New Blind Patient** has been corrected to show if a patient has a restricted record and will be marked with (Sensitive).

Figure 1 – Full Social Security Number (Sensitive) displayed

## Edit Blind Patient

Current Patient		
<b>Name:</b> <a href="#">BRSAHU, ALRUL L</a>	<b>Date of Birth (Age):</b> 04/02/1940 (84)	<b>Gender:</b> Female
<b>Social Security Number:</b> -1639 (Sensitive)	<b>Patient Type:</b> VIST	<b>Patient Status:</b> ACTIVE
<b>Roster Institutions:</b> DaytShr (984)		

A Search Result for a patient already on the roster will be identified as \*SENSITIVE\* before they are selected for use. This applies when a user does a BR Patient Search under ENTER/EDIT or PRINT INDIVIDUAL RECORDS.

Figure 2 – Patient Already Selected box

Patient Already Selected	
Press OK to use the selected patient; otherwise, enter search criteria to search for a new patient	
<b>Name:</b> BRSAHU, ALRUL L	<input type="button" value="OK"/>
<b>Date of Birth:</b> 04/02/1940	
<b>Social Security Number:</b> -1639 (Sensitive)	

### 3 BR Patient/Patient Record

The Enter New Blind Patient – Patient Record can be viewed prior to the commencement of the enrollment process. Clicking on the active Name link will display their record which includes Address, Phone Number, Date of Birth, Period of Service, and Priority Level. After a patient is found from Patient Search and selected, a user can click the patient's name link to display their record.

Figure 3 – Patient Name link opens Patient Record

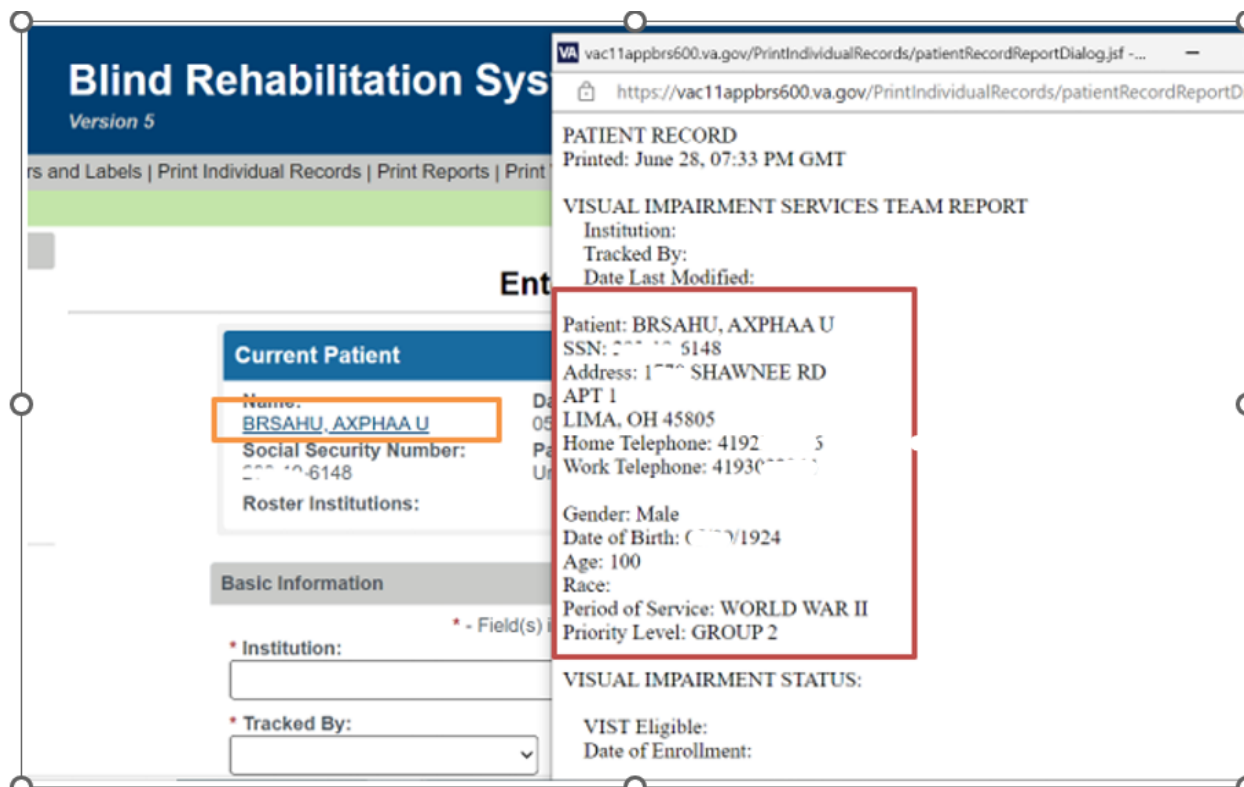
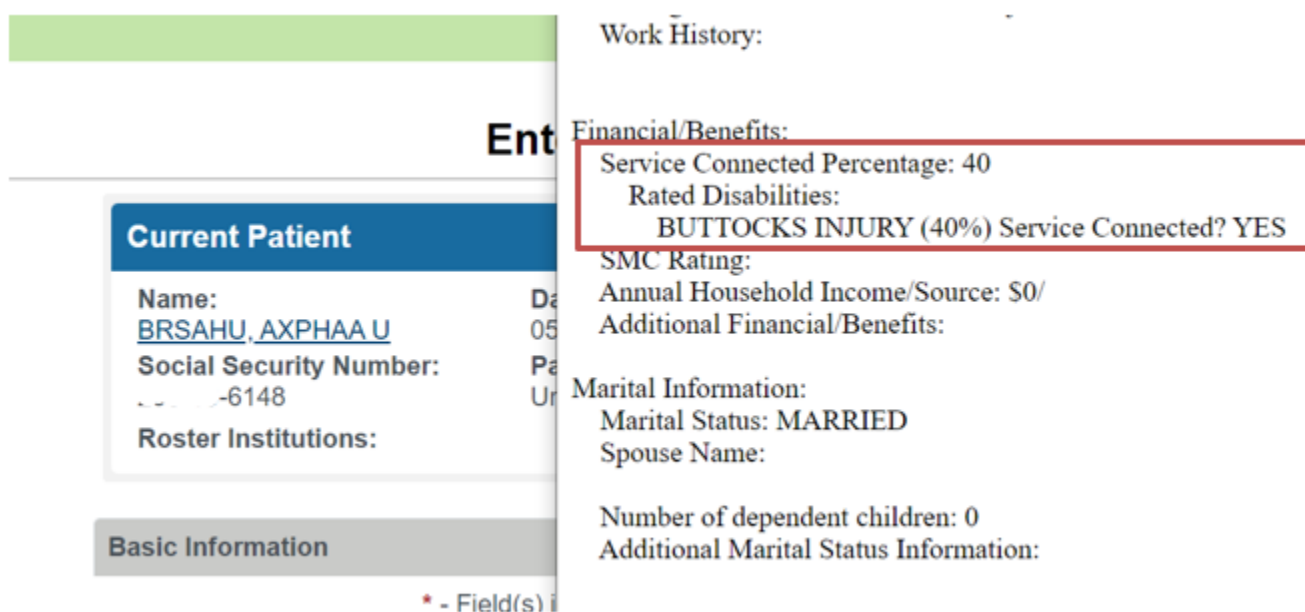


Figure 4 - Patient Record displays Service Connection and Rated Disabilities



After a patient's Basic Information is entered (Save and Continue is executed), the Edit Blind Patient page displays Service Connection and Rated Disabilities (if applicable).

**Figure 5 - Patient Eligibility and Rated Disabilities are displayed**

### Edit Blind Patient

**Current Patient**

Name: <a href="#">ARRIN EUGENE</a>	Date of Birth (Age): '1953 (71)	Gender: Male
Social Security Number: 1-3-7831	Patient Type: VIST	Patient Status: ACTIVE
Roster Institutions: DaytShr (984)		

1  
Basic Information

2  
Ocular Health

3  
Patient History

4  
Financial / Benefits

5  
Domestic Information

6  
Living Arrangements

7  
Other Health

8  
Medical Treatment

9  
Rehabilitation Experience

10  
Assessment Questions

Basic Information Details

**Institution:**  
DaytShr (984) ▼

**\* Tracked By:**  
BRVSPROVIDER, FOUR ▼

**\* Enrollment Date (MM/DD/YYYY):**  
07/31/2023 📅

**\* VIST Eligible:**  
NO - NOT LEGALLY BLIND ▼

**\* Referral Source:**  
STATE AGENCY ▼

**\* Major Activity:**  
RETIRED W/APPROP ACT. ▼

Eligibility (VIST):  
SC LESS THAN 50%

**Rated Disabilities:**

Disability	Service Connected?	Percentage
TRAUMATIC ARTHRITIS	YES	10%
KNEE CONDITION	YES	20%

**VA Entitlement:**  
▼

Last VIST Annual Review Date (MM/DD/YYYY):  
No Data

Save
Next
Done

A patient may or may not have any Rated Disabilities or Eligibility listed. If there is nothing listed for them in VistA, you will see the words "No Data" under Basic Information Details.

**Figure 6 – Rated Disabilities for a patient with no data**

<b>Eligibility (VIST):</b> No Data		
<b>Rated Disabilities:</b>		
<b>Disability</b>	<b>Service Connected?</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
No Data		

After a patient has been added to the roster, the Print Individual Records, Patient Record will also display the patient's information. This includes Address, Phone Number, Period of Service, Service Connection, Priority Group, and Rated disabilities if the patient had this information in their VistA.

If a patient is already on the roster and has an address or phone number update in VistA, the patient record in Blind Rehabilitation should reflect the updates within minutes.

**Figure 7 – Print Individual Record – Patient Record**

**Print Individual Records Menu**

- Patient Record**
- Eye Exam (English) History
- VIST Annual Review History
- Benefits & Services Checklist
- Referral History
- PCE Problem List

**Patient Record**

Home

**PATIENT RECORD**  
Printed: July 01, 05:19 PM GMT

**VISUAL IMPAIRMENT SERVICES TEAM REPORT**  
Institution: DayShr (664)  
Tracked By: BRVSPROVIDER, FOUR  
Date Last Modified: 07/01/2024

Patient: IRIN EUGENE  
SSN: 1-7531  
Address: 8TH STREET  
RICHMOND, IN 47134  
Home Telephone: 765  
Work Telephone: UNKNOWN

Gender: Male  
Date of Birth: 1953  
Age: 71  
Race:  
Period of Service: VIETNAM ERA  
Priority Level: GROUP 2

**VISUAL IMPAIRMENT STATUS:**  
VIST Eligible: NO - NOT LEGALLY BLIND  
Date of Enrollment: 07/31/2023  
New Case Referral Source: STATE AGENCY  
VIST Status: ACTIVE

**PATIENT HISTORY:**  
Education:  
Number of Years of Education: 11  
Currently Engaged in Training or School: NO  
Additional Education Information:  
Work History:  
Currently Employed: NO  
Primary Occupation:  
Did sight loss cause veteran to lose job: NO  
Work History:  
Financial/Benefits:  
Service Connected Percentage: 30  
Rated Disabilities:  
TRAUMATIC ARTHRITIS (10%) Service Connected? YES  
KNEE CONDITION (20%) Service Connected? YES  
SMC Rating:  
Annual Household Income/Source: \$0/  
Additional Financial/Benefits:  
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If a patient is from a different institution from the user, the patient's record will not display their Service Connected Percentage or their Rated Disabilities.

## 4 Print VIST Roster Sorts Reports

If a patient has an address or phone number update in VistA, the Print VIST Roster reports by Address/Phone will update for that patient after PSD Updater has run which occurs daily(usually runs overnight). Therefore, these reports may not reflect updated patient demographics until the next day. A patient address update could also impact these Print VIST Roster Sorts Reports depending on what was changed.

- By Address
- By State
- By County



- By City
- By Zip Code

If an update is needed to these reports immediately, the user should go to Enter/Edit -> BR Patient and execute Save and Continue. This will force a save of their updated information to the BR database.

## 5 Letters and Labels

The Print Letters may not have the updated patient address if it was changed during the current day. PSD Updater needs to be run or the user must execute Save and Continue in Enter/Edit -> BR Patient.

Similarly, the Print Patient Mailing Labels may not have the Veteran's updated address if it was changed during the current day. To force an update, execute Save and Continue in Enter/Edit -> BR Patient or run PSD Updater.

## 6 Modify Referral

For BRC type referrals, the Admission date will be limited to be set to the current date or before. The user is prohibited from choosing a date in the future or a date before the Scheduled date. The user can update the Scheduled date to the current date if needed and then set the Admission date to the current date.

The Discharged date will be prohibited to being set to a date in the future or a date prior to the Admit date.

## 7 JAWS Supported Versions

The supported JAWS versions can be found at the following link: [Job Access With Speech \(JAWS\) \(va.gov\)](#) depicts the supported JAWS versions in a table format.

