



**Update \_2\_0\_384A**

**Clinical Reminders**

**VA-VULNERABLE PATIENT EMERGENCY EVENT**

**Install Guide**

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## **Introduction**

The *Vulnerable Patient Emergency Event Note* template was released in September of 2023 (reminder Update 384). It is to be used as part of the National VP CARE Guidance released by the Office of Emergency Management. The VP CARE Program is to assist in managing and maintaining the continuity of care for our most vulnerable patients before, during, and/or after emergency events.

This template is designed to document the outreach done to these patients around an emergency event (i.e. hurricanes, wildfires, winter storms, utility outages) in an effort to supply them with needed medical care and/or equipment that maintains their care and prevents the deterioration of their health.

The changes in this version of the template address additional concerns related to Veterans followed by SCI and Veterans receiving dialysis specifically through a Non-VA Community provider on fee basis. The national SW program collaborated with the National SCI and Kidney Medicine Programs to capture the additional needs and to modify the templates.

The following changes were made:

1. Version updated to 2.1
2. In the Vulnerable Veteran Cohort, there are now two choices for Dialysis
  - a. VA Dialysis
  - b. Fee Dialysis (Community Care)
3. After you select that you contacted the Veteran or caregiver, there are additional items that display in the template, in that section, under Emergency Needs, SCI patient added as an option, this expands into content that is part of the existing national SCI/D Emergency Event template and contains items specific to SCI patient needs

No other changes to the content were made.

UPDATE\_2\_0\_384A contains 1 Reminder Exchange entry:

### **UPDATE\_2\_0\_384A VA-VULNERABLE PATIENT EMERGENCY EVENT UPDATE**

**The exchange file contains the following components:**

#### **TIU TEMPLATE FIELD**

WORD 5 LINES1  
WORD 2 LINES RQ  
VA-VCP LINK

#### **HEALTH FACTORS**

VA-REMINDER UPDATES [C]  
VA-UPDATE\_2\_0\_384A

VA-VULNERABLE PATIENT EMERGENCY EVENT [C]  
VA-VP POST-IMPACT  
VA-VP DURING  
VA-VP PRE-IMPACT  
VA-VP UNABLE TO REACH  
VA-SCI/D EMERGENCY EVENT [C]  
VA-SCI/D EE VENTILATOR N  
VA-SCI/D EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS [C]  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG-NOT REVIEWED  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG OTHER  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG YANKAUER  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG VENT TUBING/ADAPTORS  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG TRACH TIES  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG TRACH ADAPTER  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG SPARE TRACH  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG SUCTION CATHETERS  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG DRAIN SPONGES  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG SPARE TRACH-SMALLER  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG PORTABLE SUCTION  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG O2 TANK/TUBING  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG NORMAL SALINE BULLETS  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG ARTIFICIAL NOSE  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG NEBULIZER SYSTEM  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG WATER SOLUBLE LUBE  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG GLOVES  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG STERILE GAUZE-TRACH  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG BACK UP BATTERY  
VA-SCI/D VENT GO BAG AMBU  
VA-SCI/D EE VENTILATOR  
VA-SCI/D EMERGENCY BAG [C]  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG EMERG APP  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG BATTERIES  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG WOUND SUPPLIES  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG WATER  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG SUPPOSITORIES  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG O2 TANKS  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG LUBRICANTS  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG CARE INSTRUCTIONS  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG CONTACT INFO  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG CATHETERS  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG FACE MASK  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG WHISTLE  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG PET SUPPLIES  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG CARDS/CASH  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG IDENTIFICATION  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG OTHER

VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG RADIO  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG MED  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG B/U W/C  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG MED LISTS  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG HAND SANITIZER  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG GLOVES  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG FOOD  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG FLASHLIGHT  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG 1ST AID KIT  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG BLANKET  
VA-VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG THERM  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG CLOTHING  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG CHARGERS  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG CELL  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG BP CUFF  
VA-SCI/D EMERG BAG EXT CORD  
VA-SCI/D EE EMERG BAG-REVIEWED  
VA-VP EVACUATION NEEDED  
VA-VP NO EMERGENCY NEEDS IDENTIFIED  
VA-VP OTHER NEEDS  
VA-VP TRANSPORTATION NEEDS  
VA-VP NON-MEDICAL NEEDS OTHER  
VA-VP NON-MEDICAL NEEDS OTHER HOUSE SUPPLY  
VA-VP NON-MEDICAL NEEDS EQUIPMENT  
VA-VP NON-MEDICAL NEEDS SPIRITUAL COUNSELING  
VA-VP MEDICAL NEEDS DIALYSIS  
VA-VP MEDICAL NEEDS OTHER  
VA-VP MEDICAL NEEDS OXYGEN  
VA-VP MEDICAL NEEDS MH COUNSEL  
VA-VP MEDICAL NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION  
VA-VP MEDICAL NEEDS MEDICATIONS  
VA-VP MEDICAL NEEDS DME  
VA-VP FINANCIAL NEEDS  
VA-VP BASIC NEEDS SHELTER  
VA-VP BASIC NEEDS ELECTRICITY  
VA-VP BASIC NEEDS ID  
VA-VP BASIC NEEDS FOOD/WATER  
VA-VP BASIC NEEDS CLOTHING  
VA-VP BASIC NEEDS BABY PRODUCTS  
VA-VP HOUSEHOLD OCCUPANTS NO OTHER  
VA-VP HOUSEHOLD OCCUPANTS PET  
VA-VP HOUSEHOLD OCCUPANTS SERVICE ANIMAL  
VA-VP HOUSEHOLD OCCUPANTS FAMILY MEMBERS HOUSEMATES  
VA-VP HOUSING STATUS LITERALLY HOMELESS  
VA-VP HOUSING STATUS TEMPORARILY HOUSED  
VA-VP HOUSING STATUS HOUSED

VA-VP CONTACT INFORMATION-NEEDS UPDATE  
VA-VP CONTACT INFORMATION-CORRECT  
VA-VP CONTACT OTHER  
VA-VP CAREGIVER  
VA-VP VOICEMAIL LEFT  
VA-VP VETERAN  
VA-VP DIALYSIS FEE  
VA-VP OTHER COHORT  
VA-VP SCI  
VA-VP LEVEL 1 TELEHEALTH  
VA-VP HOMELESS  
VA-VP HBPC  
VA-VP HOME OXYGEN  
VA-VP HIGH RISK MH 2  
VA-VP HIGH RISK MH 1  
VA-VP DIALYSIS  
VA-VP CHEMO/INFUSION  
VA-VP OTHER  
VA-VP ACTS OF TERRORISM  
VA-VP UTILITY OUTAGE-WATER  
VA-VP UTILITY OUTAGE-GAS  
VA-VP UTILITY OUTAGE-ELECTRICITY  
VA-VP INFECTIOUS DISEASE  
VA-VP HAZARDOUS MATERIAL  
VA-VP NATURAL DISASTER/WEATHER-OTHER  
VA-VP NATURAL DISASTER/WEATHER-WINTER STORM  
VA-VP NATURAL DISASTER/WEATHER-WILDFIRES  
VA-VP NATURAL DISASTER/WEATHER-TSUNAMI  
VA-VP NATURAL DISASTER/WEATHER-TORNADO  
VA-VP NATURAL DISASTER/WEATHER-HURRICANE  
VA-VP NATURAL DISASTER/WEATHER-HEATWAVE  
VA-VP NATURAL DISASTER/WEATHER-FLOOD  
VA-VP NATURAL DISASTER/WEATHER-EARTHQUAKE

**REMINDER SPONSOR**

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**REMINDER TERM**

VA-REMINDER UPDATE\_2\_0\_384A

**REMINDER DIALOG**

VA-VULNERABLE PATIENT EMERGENCY EVENT

## Install Details

This update is being distributed as a web host file. The address for the host file is:  
[https://REDACTED/UPDATE\\_2\\_0\\_384A.PRD](https://REDACTED/UPDATE_2_0_384A.PRD)

The file will be installed using Reminder Exchange, programmer access is not required.

Installation:

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This update can be loaded with users on the system. Installation will take less than 5 minutes.

## Pre-Install

Complete an Inquiry and save the following items to see if your site has made local edits. **You will need to add back those local changes after installation.**

1. Using the reminder dialog manager menu, then dialog manager, change view to element view and choose print/inquiry for the reminder dialog element **VAL-VP CONTACT INFO.**
2. Using the VistA reminder dialog manager menu, then dialog manager, change view to group view and choose print/inquiry for the reminder dialog group **VAL-GP LOCAL INFORMATION.**

## Install Example

Go to Reminder exchange in Vista.

To Load the exchange file, use LWH. The URL is

[https://REDACTED/UPDATE\\_2\\_0\\_384A.PRD](https://REDACTED/UPDATE_2_0_384A.PRD)

```
+          + Next Screen  - Prev Screen  ?? More Actions  >>>
CFE Create Exchange File Entry      LHF Load Host File
CHF Create Host File                 LMM Load MailMan Message
CMM Create MailMan Message           LR  List Reminder Definitions
DFE Delete Exchange File Entry       LWH Load Web Host File
IFE Install Exchange File Entry      RI  Reminder Definition Inquiry
IH  Installation History              RP  Repack
Select Action: Next Screen// LWH    Load Web Host File
```

You will see a message indicating the file was loaded successfully.

Search and locate an entry titled UPDATE\_2\_0\_384A VA-VULNERABLE PATIENT EMERGENCY EVENT UPDATE in reminder exchange.

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+Item  Entry                               Source                               Date Packed
631    UPDATE_2_0_384A VA-VULNERABLE
      PATIENT EMERGENCY EVENT UPDATE
632    UPDATE_2_0_385 VA-MISC UPDATE
      24
633    UPDATE_2_0_386 VA-COVID-19
      EMERGENCY DEPT TRIAGE UPDATE
634    UPDATE_2_0_387 VA-WHOLE
      HEALTH COACHING
635    UPDATE_2_0_387 VA-WHOLE
      HEALTH COACHING AND PHP UPDATE
+      + Next Screen  - Prev Screen  ?? More Actions  >>>
CFE    Create Exchange File Entry        LHF  Load Host File
CHF    Create Host File                  LMM  Load MailMan Message
CMM    Create MailMan Message           LR   List Reminder Definitions
DFE    Delete Exchange File Entry        LWH  Load Web Host File
IFE    Install Exchange File Entry       RI   Reminder Definition Inquiry
IH     Installation History              RP   Repack
Select Action: Next Screen// IFE    Install Exchange File Entry
Enter a list or range of numbers (1-984): 631

```

At the **Select Action** prompt, enter **IFE** for Install Exchange File Entry. Enter the number that corresponds with your entry titled UPDATE\_2\_0\_384A VA-VULNERABLE PATIENT EMERGENCY EVENT (*in this example it is entry 631, it will vary by site*) that is dated 08/13/2024.

```

Date Packed: 08/13/2024 10:15:13
Package Version: 2.0P65

Description:
The following Clinical Reminder items were selected for packing:
REMINDER DIALOG
  VA-VULNERABLE PATIENT EMERGENCY EVENT

REMINDER TERM
  VA-REMINDER UPDATE_2_0_384A

Keywords:

Components:

+      Enter ?? for more actions  >>>
IA    Install all Components        IS    Install Selected Component
Select Action: Next Screen// IA

```

At the **Select Action** prompt, type **IA** for Install all Components and hit enter. For all new entries in any category you will choose **I to Install** **SKIP any items** in any category you are prompted to overwrite.



You will then be prompted to install the dialog component.

```
Packed reminder dialog: VA-VULNERABLE PATIENT EMERGENCY EVENT [NATIONAL DIALOG]
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Item	Seq.	Dialog Findings	Type	Exists
1		VA-VULNERABLE PATIENT EMERGENCY EVENT	dialog	X
2	10	VA-GP VP VERSION Finding: *NONE*	group	X
3	10.10	VA-VP PURPOSE Finding: *NONE*	element	X
4	10.20	VA-VP WHO Finding: *NONE*	element	X
5	10.27	VA-GP VP OUTREACH TYPE Finding: *NONE*	group	X
6	10.27.10	VA-VP PRE-IMPACT Finding: VA-VP PRE-IMPACT (HEALTH FACTOR)	element	X
7	10.27.20	VA-VP DURING Finding: VA-VP DURING (HEALTH FACTOR)	element	X
8	10.27.30	VA-VP POST-IMPACT	element	X

```
+      + Next Screen  - Prev Screen  ?? More Actions
DD  Dialog Details      DT  Dialog Text      IS  Install Selected
DF  Dialog Findings    DU  Dialog Usage    QU  Quit
DS  Dialog Summary     IA  Install All
Select Action: Next Screen// IA
```

At the **Select Action** prompt, type **IA** to install the dialog – **VA-VULNERABLE PATIENT EMERGENCY EVENT**

Install reminder dialog and all components with no further changes: Y//ES

```
Packed reminder dialog: VA-VULNERABLE PATIENT EMERGENCY EVENT [NATIONAL DIALOG]
VA-VULNERABLE PATIENT EMERGENCY EVENT (reminder dialog) installed from exchange
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Item	Seq.	Dialog Findings	Type	Exists
1		VA-VULNERABLE PATIENT EMERGENCY EVENT	dialog	X
2	10	VA-GP VP VERSION Finding: *NONE*	group	X
3	10.10	VA-VP PURPOSE Finding: *NONE*	element	X
4	10.20	VA-VP WHO Finding: *NONE*	element	X
5	10.27	VA-GP VP OUTREACH TYPE Finding: *NONE*	group	X
6	10.27.10	VA-VP PRE-IMPACT Finding: VA-VP PRE-IMPACT (HEALTH FACTOR)	element	X
7	10.27.20	VA-VP DURING Finding: VA-VP DURING (HEALTH FACTOR)	element	X
8	10.27.30	VA-VP POST-IMPACT	element	X

```
+      + Next Screen  - Prev Screen  ?? More Actions
DD  Dialog Details      DT  Dialog Text      IS  Install Selected
DF  Dialog Findings    DU  Dialog Usage    QU  Quit
DS  Dialog Summary     IA  Install All
Select Action: Next Screen// Q
```

When the dialog has completed installation, you will then be returned to this screen. At the **Select Action** prompt, type **Q**.

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REMINDER TERM
  VA-REMINDER UPDATE_2_0_384A

Keywords:

Components:

+      + Next Screen  - Prev Screen  ?? More Actions  >>>
IA  Install all Components          IS  Install Selected Component
Select Action: Next Screen// Q
```

You will then be returned to this screen. At the **Select Action** prompt, type **Q**.

Install complete.

## **Post Installation**

1. In CPRS, Open the note titled VULNERABLE PATIENT EMERGENCY EVENT (Reminder Dialog name VA-VULNERABLE PATIENT EMERGENCY EVENT) and confirm the version now displays as 2.1.
2. Add back any local modifications that your facility previously made using the information saved in the pre-install.
  - a. Using the reminder dialog manager menu, then dialog manager, change view to element view and search and find the reminder dialog element **VAL-VP CONTACT INFO**, replace the text “\*\* Insert local data object for contact information \*\*” with your local data objects that show contact info such as patient phone or cell phone. If you have a local data objects for emergency contact or next of kin, you could add those here as well in addition to the phone numbers.
  - b. Optional – Add local resource information to the end of this template. There is a disabled reminder dialog group with a class of local at the end of this template. Sites can enable this reminder dialog group and add text and/or hyperlinks to display information such as local resources that would be useful to know in an emergency (e.g., Shelter locations, emergency services, or utility contact information). Please coordinate with your local leadership for what should display (if anything) in this section.

Reminder dialog group name for local edits: VAL-GP LOCAL INFORMATION

Remove the disable flag, edit the dialog text, and make whatever edits your site would like. This is completely locally configurable.

The default settings at installation for this group are: suppress the checkbox and exclude from progress note.

To edit this reminder dialog group: Go to the VistA reminder dialog manager menu, then dialog manager, change view to group view and then search and find VAL-GP LOCAL INFORMATION.