Federal Electronic Health Record Enhancements in Capability Block 13



Capability Block 13 is part of a standard, biannual plan for the Federal electronic health record (EHR) to enhance existing capabilities, introduce new interfaces, and remain current on software code. The release window is scheduled for August 22–29, 2025. All Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Homeland Security's United States Coast Guard (USCG), and Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) facilities that are live with the Federal EHR or affiliated with a live site (e.g., remote services) are part of the release. However, some updates are Department specific, depending on whether the Department uses the platform, capability, feature, or interface included in the release to deliver care at any of their sites. For Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center (Lovell FHCC), some updates impact only DOD patient care locations (PCLs) or VA PCLs. PCLs refer to the location where care is rendered.

Note: Information is subject to change. For more information about a Capability Block 13 update, its latest status, and related training materials, please consult DOD- and VA-specific materials available at Adoption Central (DOD), <u>User Impact Series (DOD)</u>, <u>Sustainment Resource Center (VA)</u>, <u>Federal EHR Resource Center (VA)</u>, and <u>User Impact Series (VA)</u>. End users (i.e., clinicians, nurses, administrations, etc.) should log tickets for issues. Post-release support calls will be scheduled to report and assess any related issues and defects identified for expediting resolution activities.

Platform/Capability/ Feature/Interface	Description of Benefit	DOD	VA	Lovell FHCC			
Platforms (a system of hardware/software technologies that serve as the foundation for applications, services, and/or components)							
Millennium 2025.2 Platform Upgrade ^{1,2,3,4}	Upgrades code from Millennium 2024.4 to Millennium 2025.2 to stay on latest supported code, introduce enhancements, resolve defects, and address performance issues.	Х	Х	X (DOD and VA PCLs)			
MPages 9.3 Platform Upgrade ^{1,2,3,4}	Upgrades code from MPages 9.1 to MPages 9.3 to stay on latest supported code and resolve defects.	Х	Х	X (DOD and VA PCLs)			
Dentrix Enterprise (DXE) 11.0.49.1 Platform Upgrade ^{1, 2}	Upgrades code from DXE 11.0.48.23 to 11.0.49.1 to stay on latest supported code; resolve defects; improve scalability and performance; and introduce performance enhancements. Defect corrections include fixing the HL7 queue crashing, fixing the Supernumeray tooth reverting back to anterior code, updating Day Sheet and Treatment Planner reports, updating Eligibility flag in Appointment Book, resolving Treatment Plan case setup printer, fixing extra space issue for adding procedure case categories, and disabling the Medical History Module.	Х		X (DOD PCLs Only)			
Capabilities (unique features, workflows, and/or interfaces) and Features (part of capability's total functionality or any item that enhances a capability)							
Inpatient Copay Accumulators	Eliminates the need for end users to complete complex manual copay calculations by automating calculations. Provides Veterans with quicker access to statement balances and ensures Veterans are not charged more than the allowable copayment.		Х	X (VA PCLs)			
Image Viewer - PowerChart	Replaces SkyVue Distribution Viewer to offer clinicians the ability to access and view non-diagnostic (not intended to be used for image interpretation) Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) images including radiology, cardiology, eye and dental imaging, alongside the Veteran's procedure history, ensuring a full understanding of a Veteran's record. Makes images readily available and helps providers to facilitate communications with a Veteran in real time during their appointments. DOD impact will be for providers viewing studies that were acquired at a VA facility using the Federal EHR.	Х	Х	X (DOD and VA PCLs)			
CareAware MultiMedia Manager (CAMM) - Archive Administration	Replaces SkyVue Launcher and provides end users with additional functionality including viewing, deleting, and pushing DICOM studies for a patient.		Х	X (VA PCLs Only)			

¹ These updates also benefit USCG.

² These updates also benefit Joint Operations Medicine Information Systems (JOMIS).

³ This update also benefits NOAA.

⁴ This update also benefits U.S. Military Entrancing Processing Command (USMEPCOM).

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Patient Flow (Capacity Management) – PILOT	Enables seamless care coordination and resource management with a unified dashboard (Command Center Dashboard), optimizes patient transfers and improves bed management coordination through automated processes (Transfer Center), provides end users with the ability to modify bed attributes (Flex Bed), and adds three new reports (Flex Bed, Location Advisory, and Emergency Management). Improves daily operations for end users who need to make decisions based on volume and areas of congestions and provides operational insights with near real-time visibility into patient flow and capacity needs. Enhances emergency department throughput with near real-time visibility into direction admission needs and bed status. Reduces delays in the availability of necessary care, which will improve Veterans' overall care experience. The pilot will deliver these new capabilities to Lovell FHCC only.		X (Lovell FHCC Only)	X (VA PCLs Only)			
Comparison Screen Optimization	Stops triggering a compare screen when the place of birth (birth address), multiple birth indicator, or birth order are different between the Federal EHR and an external system. Pops up the compare screen only when there is a discrepancy with another value, such as home address. Reduces the number of times end users are required to review patient data, reduces comparison fatigue, prevents potential errors, and improves data integrity.	Х	Х	X (DOD and VA PCLs)			
Interfaces (a connection between two or more systems where an exchange of data occurs)							
VistA Interfacility Consults (IFC) via OPENLink Integration Platform v5	Automates all seven manual steps in the current outbound referral order workflow for referral coordinators, reducing the risk of errors and improving productivity and functionality. For inbound Federal EHR referrals, all status updates will automatically be sent to VistA. Provides a better Veteran experience by decreasing the number of canceled appointments.		х	X (VA PCLs Only)			
VA Identity and Demographic Service (IDI) v3	Includes multiple Rhapsody updates that are being bundled together for reduced disruptions to end users. These include ensuring the birth sex in the Federal EHR remains consistent with VistA and other VA systems to reduce the burden of unnecessary corrections, allowing updates to patient information to be shared across the Federal EHR and other VA systems to ensure Veteran information remains in sync, and adding VA health insurance profiles (VHAPs) to Revenue Cycle to prevent scenarios where end users erroneously associate multiple VHAPs to a single encounter.	X	Х	X (DOD and VA PCLs)			