

Department of Veterans Affairs

Memorandum

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From: Blood Bank Project Manager, Office of Information & Technology (OIT)

Thru: National Director, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Service (10P4D)

Subj: VistA v5.2 Blood Bank package status

To: Department of Veterans Affairs Blood Bank Supervisors (113)

The national release of patch LR*5.2*408 on July 18, 2011 finalizes the VHA transition from the VistA Version 5.2 Blood Bank package to the VistA Blood Establishment Computer Software (VBECS) system. Sites with VBECS have already disabled the VistA v5.2 Blood Bank package when database conversion was executed. With the installation of this patch the Enter/Edit options for VistA v5.2 Blood Bank are permanently disabled.

Patch releases for VBECS communications with VistA packages will continue as LR*5.2 and VBEC namespace releases. All customer documentation for these VBECS associated releases are posted to the VistA Document Library (VDL), Laboratory: VistA Blood Establishment Computer Software (VBECS).

Because Blood Bank legacy records are available as read-only, VistA v5.2 continues to be maintained by OIT as a Food and Drug Administration cleared medical device (FDA number BK970021). Adulteration of this package at VHA facilities is prohibited and will be monitored by the product development team.

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