

# **PIV-Enabled VistA**

To meet the <u>OMB mandate</u> and reduce security vulnerabilities, VistA applications are moving from Access Verify to PIV and PIN



VistA with PIV and PIN

## **Link My Accounts**

You can link your PIV and PIN with one or more VistA systems. This is a **one-time** action that you must complete **for each VistA**, not each application, to enable authentication to VistA using your PIV.

This account linking process is a prerequisite to successful login to VistA with PIV.



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### What are the benefits?

**More secure:** PIV credentials are highly resistant to identity fraud, tampering, counterfeiting, and exploitation.



**Single credential for all access:** PIV is a single credential used to access all VA systems.

**No more passwords:** PIV removes the need to remember multiple passwords, no more reset requests!

**Regulatory Compliance:** OMB mandates the use of PIV for access to all systems.

For any issues please follow your local facility procedures for entering a problem ticket.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What happens next?

PIV-enabled versions of applications, such as CPRS, CIS/ARK applications, BCMA, ICB, and Attachmate, will start to show up on your desktop. You will know they are PIV enabled because they will prompt you for your PIV and PIN.

Will all my applications change to use PIV at once? No, applications will be updated over a period of several months, starting March 2017. No additional action is needed from you.

Do I still need to remember my Access and Verify codes?

Yes, Access and Verify codes should continue to be maintained.

#### What if my PIV breaks?

The applications will still ask you for PIV, but your Access and Verify codes will still work to gain access.