Enrollment System (ES) 4.2 Release Notes



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1. Introduction

From the 1950s through the 1980s, people living or working at the U.S. Marine Corps Base in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, may suffer from medical conditions and/or illnesses arising from their exposure to water contaminated by hazardous chemicals.

President Obama signed into law the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012, on August 6, 2012. This law (H.R. 1627, now Public Law 112-154) requires VA to provide hospital care and medical services to Veterans who served on active duty for at least 30 days at Camp Lejeune (North Carolina) and to eligible Family Members for one or more of 15 specified illnesses or conditions linked to the water contaminants.

Esophageal cancer Renal toxicity

Lung cancer Hepatic steatosis

Breast cancer Female infertility

Bladder cancer Miscarriage

Kidney cancer Scleroderma

Leukemia Neurobehavioral effects

Multiple myeloma Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma

Myelodysplastic syndromes

The first software release to include Camp Lejeune-Veterans (CL-V) information in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) systems includes updates to the Enrollment System (ES), version 4.2.

Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) Informational Patch EAS*1.0*128 will be released at the same time as ES 4.2 to announce the release of the ES 4.2 software.

1.1. Audience

These Release Notes are geared to Health Eligibility Center (HEC) users of ES and technical support staff at Austin Information Technology Center (AITC).

2. What's New in ES 4.2

2.1. Disclaimers

2.1.1. Software Disclaimer

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2.2. References and Resources

Documents updated for ES 4.2 posted to the VA Software Document Library (VDL) include:

- ES 4.2 Release Notes
- ES 4.2 User_Guide

Reference documentation related to this CL-V release is stored in Rational Team Concert and in the <u>CL-V Technical Services Project Repository</u> (TSPR).

Reference documentation for ES 4.2 also includes:

- ES 4.2 Developer's Guide
- ES 4.2 Installation Guide
- ES 4.2 Operations Guide
- CL-V ES 4.2 Production Operations Manual

3. ES 4.2 Software Enhancements

3.1. Overview

New functionality allows determination of a Veteran's eligibility or lack of eligibility for the CL-V benefit. If determined eligible, the Veteran is automatically promoted to Priority Group (PG) 6, unless other eligibility factors warrant a higher priority group. User screens have been enhanced with CL-V information.

Software enhancements were added for receiving regular data feeds from the Camp Lejeune Environmental Action Report (CLEAR) database and updates to the ES records with the incoming data stream. Additionally, modifications to existing interfaces were made in order to share the Camp Lejeune eligibility between the ES, VistA REE, other VistA applications, and repositories, and to satisfy reporting needs.

Veterans can apply for Camp Lejeune eligibility via the Veteran's On-Line Application (VOA).

HEC sends a batch file to ES known as the CLEAR (Camp Lejeune Environmental Action Report) extract. This file is processed as a nightly batch process by ES. The CLEAR extract is a text-based flat file consisting of a single header row followed by several rows of data; each data

row represents a Veteran to be processed in ES for Camp Lejeune eligibility determination. The rows are all line separated and the elements are all pipe ("|") separated.

The Total Eligibility Factors report now contains the CL-V indicator.

3.2. ES 4.2 User Screens

An ES user can view, enter, or update the Camp Lejeune Eligibility indicator and associated Camp Lejeune eligibility information through the following screens:

- Edit Current Eligibility Other Eligibility Factors edit CL data
- Current Eligibility Other Eligibility Factors panel view CL eligibility
- Eligibility Change History Other Eligibility Factors view history of changes to CL data
- Current Military Service edit CL data
- Military Service Change History view history of changes to CL data
- Add a Person enter Camp Lejeune Eligibility indicator in the Current Military Service and Edit Current Eligibility screens

The following fields have been added to the Current Military Service and Edit Current Eligibility screens when editing the screens:

- Camp Lejeune Eligibility
- Verified Methods
- Comments
- CL Date Registered
- CL Eligibility Change Site
- CL Eligibility Source of Change

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On the Eligibility tab, the Edit Current Eligibility screen is displayed in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Edit Current Eligibility Screen (top of screen)

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Select Other Eligibility Factors as shown in Figure 2 to display the new CL-V fields.



Figure 2: Camp Lejeune Eligibility Data Displayed on Edit Current Eligibility Screen, Selected from Clicking Other Eligibility Factors

Figure 3 displays the Military Change History screen with CL-V data.



Figure 3: Camp Lejeune Eligibility Data Displayed on Edit Current Eligibility Screen

Figure 4 displays the Military Service tab, Current Military Service screen with the new CL-V fields.



Figure 4: Current Military Service Screen with Camp Lejeune Eligibility Data

To view changes to CL data, access the Military Service Change History screen, as displayed in Figure 5.

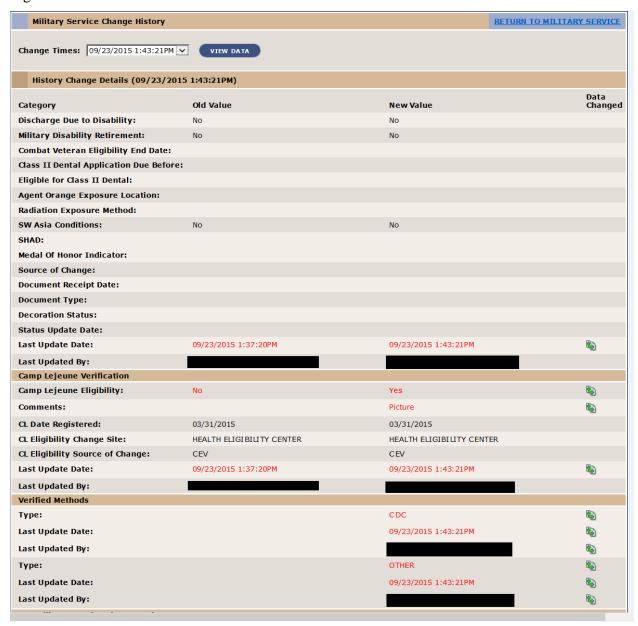


Figure 5: View Military Service Change History Screen

From both the Current Military Service and Edit Current Eligibility screens, the ES User can access Online Help text about the Camp Lejeune information to assist in completing Camp Lejeune eligibility information as needed.

The following fields have been added to the Current Military Service and Edit Current Eligibility screens when in Add a Person mode:

- Camp Lejeune Eligibility
- Verified Methods
- Comments

When in Add a Person mode, the Eligibility tab, Edit Current Eligibility screen is shown in Figure 6.



Figure 6: Add a Person Mode for Edit Current Eligibility Screen

At the bottom of this screen are the fields to select Camp Lejeune Eligibility, as shown in Figure 7.



Figure 7: Add a Person Mode, Camp Lejeune Eligibility Fields on the Edit Current Eligibility Screen, Selected from Clicking Other Eligibility Factors

When in Add a Person mode, the Current Military Service screen displays selections for Camp Lejeune eligibility, as shown in Figure 8.



Figure 8: Add a Person Mode, Camp Lejeune Eligibility Fields on the Current Military Service Screen

3.3. Veteran's On-Line Application

The web service transaction with ES has been enhanced to allow ES to receive the CL-V eligibility indicator from Veteran's On-Line Application (VOA).

3.4. CLEAR Extract

Camp Lejeune Environmental Action Report (CLEAR) is a VA-created interim tracking mechanism used to identify Veterans or family members who self-report as having been at Camp Lejeune during the period covered by Public Law 112-154. The tracking was put into place shortly after the law was enacted in August 2012. It tracks calls to the VA call center as well as direct contact made by Veterans or family members at the VA Medical Centers. The Veteran information is used to further identify the Veterans as Camp Lejeune Veterans in ES.

Note: CLEAR is internally maintained by the HEC with manual data entry pertaining to Camp Lejeune-Veterans performed by HEC operators. VA, however, intends to retire the CLEAR database after the data contained in it has been fully identified for storage into other repositories.

3.5. OPP Extract

The Camp Lejeune Eligibility indicator field is appended to the Office of Policy of Planning (OPP) extract main file. Records with a Camp Lejeune Eligibility Indicator will appear on the monthly output extract file RMTESR.OPPEXT.D<DDYYMM>.txt file.

3.6. Total Eligibility Factors Report

The CL-V Eligibility factor is added to both detail and summary versions of the Total Eligibility Factors (EED 10) report.

4. ES 4.2 Technical Updates

4.1. System Parameter

A new system parameter was added for CL-V data: CL_VISTA_FULL_ROLLOUT. The parameter is solely a mechanism to allow Initial Operating Capability (IOC) test sites to fully test integrated messaging during the IOC testing phase.

The CL_VISTA_FULL_ROLLOUT system parameter allows selective control of VistA sites to receive HL7 Z11 messages which include CL-V data. Valid parameter values include: "ALL", "NONE", single site, or a comma-separated list of sites.

- The parameter value of "NONE" will exclude CL-V data from all HL7 messaging to any VistA destination. Note that the initial value for the parameter is set to "NONE" when deployed to any new Enrollment System environment.
- The parameter value of "ALL" will include CL-V data in HL7 messaging to all VistA destinations. The parameter value should be set to "ALL" once all VistA sites have installed the national production release of CL-V VistA patches DG*5.3*909 and

IVM*2*161. These future VistA patches to be released in host file DG_5_3_P909.KID support the CL-V project and CL-V ES 4.2 release.

• The parameter value can be set to a single VistA site number or to a comma-separated list of VistA sites. The comma-separated list cannot contain any spaces. For example: "503,562,646" will include CL data in ZEL segments for only those VistA destinations identified for Initial Operating Capability testing.

The parameter value cannot be left blank; a valid format as described above must be entered. When a list of VistA sites is indicated, the parameter value will accept up to 250 characters. The only special character allowed (i.e., non-alphanumeric) is a comma. The parameter value is not case sensitive.

4.2. HL7 Messaging

ES will send the following information to sites based upon the value of the CL_VISTA_FULL_ROLLOUT parameter via a Health Level 7 (HL7) Z11 message in the ZEL segment:

Camp Lejeune Eligibility Indicator

Camp Lejeune Eligibility Date Registered

Camp Lejeune Eligibility Change Site

Camp Lejeune Eligibility Source of Change

The Enrollment System will be able to receive the following information from a VistA site (via an HL7 Z07 message generated after VistA patches DG*5.3*909 and IVM*2*161 are installed):

Camp Lejeune Eligibility Indicator

Camp Lejeune Eligibility Date Registered

Camp Lejeune Eligibility Change Site

Camp Lejeune Eligibility Source of Change