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# Purpose of this document

This document provides guidance in the use of the BCDSS application for all user roles. The User Manual lists the steps required by the Rater and the Modeling Agent to manage the application and perform claim related tasks. The use of the BCDSS system as the Administrator has been described in the BCDSS System Administrator Guide.

## Welcome to BCDSS

This user guide is a print version of the BCDSS Online Help, which can be accessed anytime from the BCDSS application by clicking the “Help” link on the top right corner of the home page.

# Getting Started

Before you can use the Benefits Claims Decision Support System (BCDSS), you must request and receive a BCDSS user name and password. See [Requesting a BCDSS User Account](#getting_started_requesting_css_u_8726) for instructions.

### Workstation Settings

BCDSS is designed to be viewed with Internet Explorer (IE) 11.0 at a minimum screen resolution of 1024x768 and the default Medium text size. (The medium text size can be set from the IE menu bar with the option ***View > Text > Medium****)*. In addition, BCDSS is best viewed with a 4:3 standard-sized monitor (A widescreen monitor is also acceptable.)

### Related Tasks

See the following related topics to started using BCDSS:

* [Logging into the Application](#getting_started_logging_into_the_6809)
* [Understanding Permission Levels](#getting_started_understanding_pe_9248)
* [Understanding Session Termination](#getting_started_understanding_se_4620)

Getting Additional Help

For additional help using the BCDSS application, contact the BCDSS Team at:

**Phone**: TBD

**Email**: TBD

## Understanding Permission Levels

The BCDSS permission levels are described in the following **BCDSS Permissions** matrix. The C*,* R, U, and D acronyms used in the figure denote Create, Read, Update, and Delete.

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| **Roles and Permissions** | | | | |
| **Permissions** | **Action** | **Rater** | **Modeling Agent** | **Administrator** |
| Dashboard | R | **Y** | **Y** |  |
| Run Model | R | **Y** | **Y** |  |
| Results View | R | **Y** | **Y** |  |
| Reports View | R | **Y** | **Y** |  |
| Manage Model | U |  | **Y** |  |
| Edit Model | U |  | **Y** |  |
| Manage Users | C, R, U, D |  |  | **Y** |
| User Permissions | U |  |  | **Y** |

## Requesting a BCDSS User Account

Rating specialists and Modelling Agents could request access to BCDSS application to the BCDS Administrator.

## Understanding Session Termination

The BCDSS adheres to the Veterans Affairs (VA) security policy of terminating a user session after a period of 60 minutes of inactivity. You will receive a two-minute warning before your session terminates.

If your session does time out, you will be redirected to the Login screen to log into BCDSS again. You should note that you will be directed to the BCDSS Homepage screen the next time you log into BCDSS, not to the location where you last were when your session ended.

## Login into the Application

To log into BCDSS, perform the following steps from your browser’s address bar:

1. Navigate to https://www.bcds.com (url need to be updated when ready) the BCDSS login screen shown below appear



1. Enter your user name in the **User name** field.
2. Enter your password in the **Password** field.
3. Click **Login** button. The BCDSS home page appears. For more information, see [The Home Page](#home_page_the_home_page_htm).

# User Interface Features

The BCDSS application uses tabbed pages to group the different functional elements of the application. The page is the top-level organizing element in the application, and within this page are tabs that organize the features of the application by functional areas.

The pages of the application are:

1. Dashboard (Home), where you retrieve claims
2. Result, where you view the results from the Models
3. Reports, where you view the reports

**Top and Bottom Flyout Panels**

The top panel is open by default when you start the application

* Click **Home** icon to return to the BCDSS home page.
* Click **Help** icon to view the user manual.
* Click **Settings** icon to view utilities (need updates)
* Click the **Person** icon to select one of the below
  + **Settings** to... (yet to decide what goes under Settings)
  + **Sign Out** under the person iconto sign out of BCDSS and return to the login screen.



The bottom flyout panel displays the build number on the left side and the last build date and time on the right side



**Icon Bar on Tables**

The icon bar shown below is located in the upper left corner of all the tables on the BCDSS application

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|  | Allows navigation within the table |
|  | To view more than 15 page. |
|  | Search – Enter text in the grey bar above the headers of each columns in the grid and click icon or click Enter to filter by the entered text |
|  | Refresh – To refresh the page and clear the searched items |

## Home (Dashboard)

The following section describes elements of the BCDSS user interface and a few special pop-up tools that appear as you use the interface: These screen captures are examples for illustrative purposes and may differ slightly from the screens that you are viewing in the application.

**Selecting Claim(s) to process the Model**

The Claim Selection feature is used to select one or more claims from the retrieved claims.

To perform this function, perform these steps from the Home screen

1. Select the desired claim(s) from the retrieved historical claims list by checking the checkboxes under the column **Select.**
2. Scroll to the lower right of the screen and click **Select Model**

The **Select Model** pop-up window appears:

1. Selecting the **Reset** would reset the selections made on the Table

**Screen Captures**

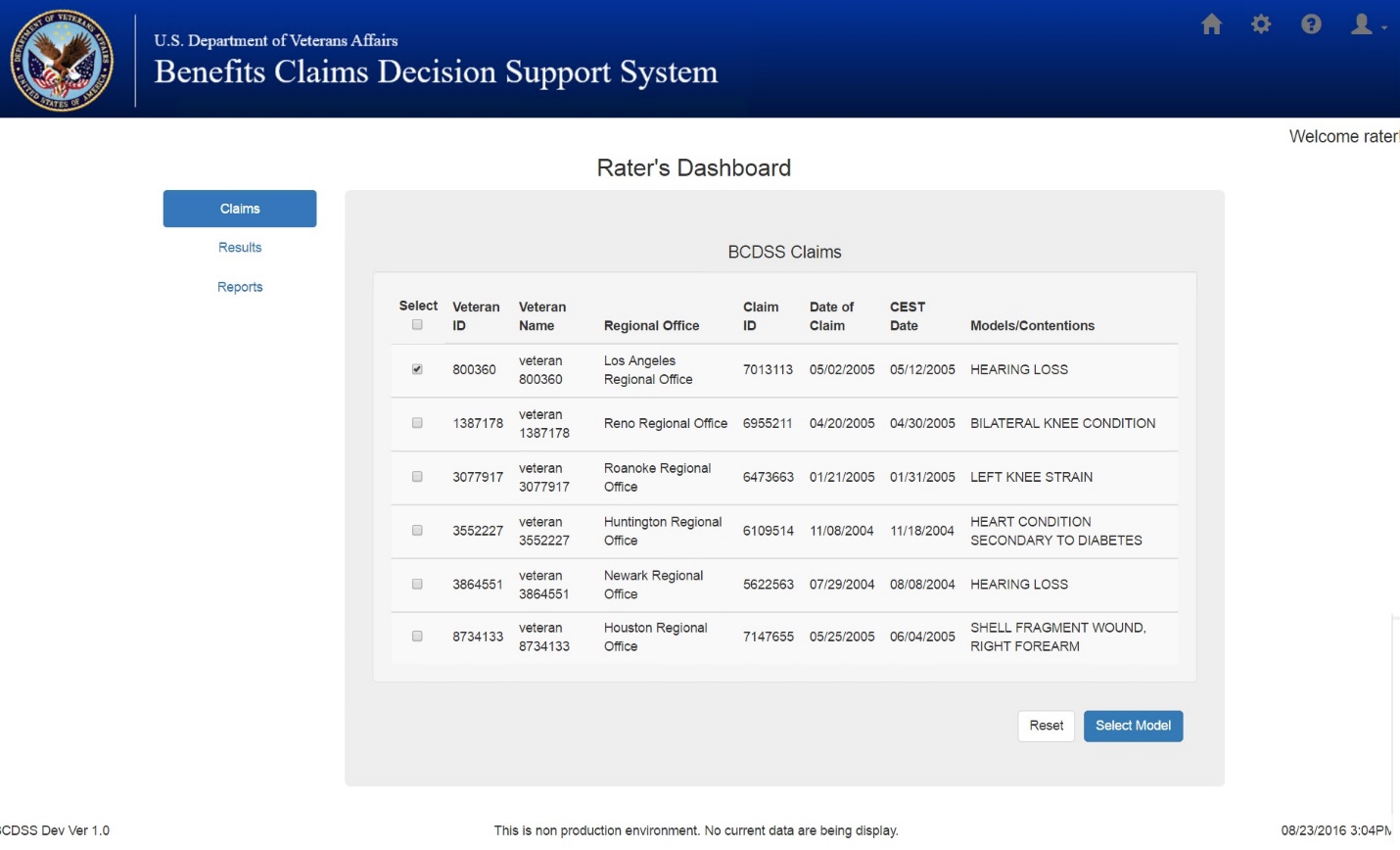


Figure 1: Home Screen (Dashboard)

**Selecting Models for the selected Claim**

1. Select the appropriate model(s) to process the selected Claims by selecting the checkboxes on the left side of the listed Models
2. Select **Process** to skips to the Results tab to view the Output of the Predictive Models

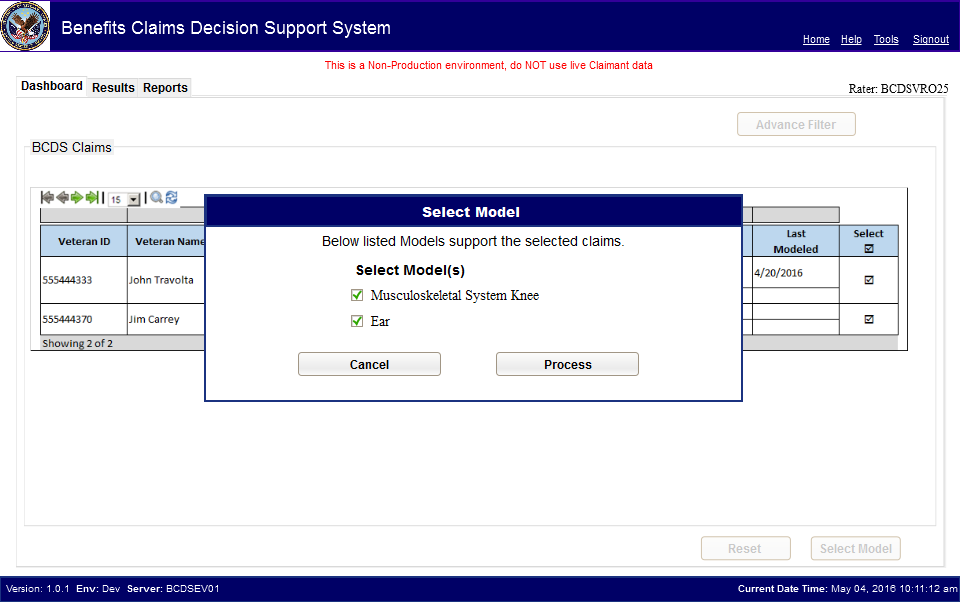


Figure 2 Select Model Pop-up

**Review the Result(s) of the Model output**

1. Results of the Processed claim(s) are displayed in the table
2. The Model output/results are shown in the **Model Results** column
3. The actual manually Rated Evaluation is displayed in the **Rated Evaluation** column
4. Comparison of the **Model Results** and **Rated Evaluation** are shown in the **Do the results Match?** Column
5. Scroll to the lower right of the screen and click **View Results** to navigate to the **Reports** tab to view report for the selected claims

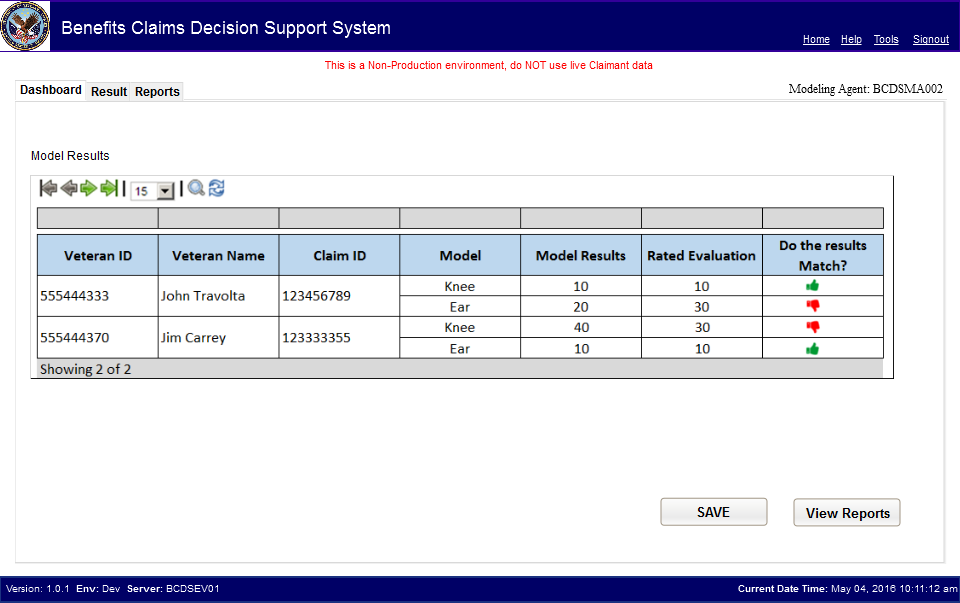


Figure 3 Results page, displaying results

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