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VA Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER Health)

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VHIE* - Tools for Health Information Exchange



eHealth Exchange

VHIE Exchange – allows VA providers and the community partner providers to query and retrieve Veterans' health information with each other's organizations for treatment

Standards Based Exchange of relevant clinical information

- VA has 90 community care partners in production
- VA Partners are listed at:

<http://www.va.gov/VLER/vler-health-your-area.asp>



the Direct Project

VHIE Direct Messaging – allows VA users to send and receive specific information to non-VA partners (point to point) via secure email under a trusted network



OTHER HIE

Veterans Health Information Exchange Program is active in the Nationwide Health Information Exchange landscape, working to expand to other national networks (CommonWell, Carequality,) integrate with regional and state HIEs and implement new technologies to advance interoperability

Veterans Health Administration (VHA) uses multiple means of health information exchange which emphasize the importance of information flow – information moving from provider to patient, patient to provider, and between providers.



Why VLER* Health ?

Speeding Veterans' Access to Care

- Personal Health Information (PHI) is shared quickly and securely through electronic means

Improving Veterans' Continuity of Care

- Right Information to the Right Person at the Right Time

Improving Veterans' Quality of Care

- Reduced duplicate tests, improved information for decision-making, care management, population health/ analytics



VLER Health Exchange Community Care Partners Nationwide



Total Unique Veteran Patients Available for Exchange with VA	
934,494*	
Community Care Partners	90
Hospitals	821
Clinics	14,445
FQHCs	438
Labs	450
Pharmacies	8,487
Nursing Homes	150
Other Ancillary Sites	652

 **Production Partners**
 **Testing Partners**
 **FY17 Prioritized Partners**
 **VA Medical Centers**

*The Veteran patients available for exchange with VA is based on unique patients matched with Community Care Providers and is reported monthly.

Note: 1) Uni-directional Exchange Partners: MedVirginia , CentraCare , Centura and Wellstar query VA



VLER Health Exchange Community Care Partner Milestones

Milestone	Partner Milestones	Standard or Fast Track
PARTNER: eHealth Exchange (via The Sequoia Project) On-boarding Process Completed	1	S, F
PARTNER and VA: VA VHIE eHealth Exchange Business Questionnaire Completed and Reviewed	2	S, F
PARTNER and VA: VA Partner Testing begins between Partner and VHIE Health Partner Integration Team	3	S
PARTNER and VA: VHIE Health Partner Integration Testing Completed	4	S
VA: Community Health Partner Business Survey and Testing Results (if required) Reviewed by VHIE Health Leadership for Approval	5	S, F
PARTNER: If Not Approved: Address the Issues, Re-Test, Review the Results with VHIE Health Leadership, and Return to Milestone 3	5a	S, F
PARTNER and VA: VA and Partner Move Software Capability to Production	6	S, F
PARTNER and VA: Partner and VHIE Health Team Perform Production Software Validation	7a	S, F
PARTNER and VA: Partner and VHIE Health Team Perform Production Data Validation	7b	S, F
PARTNER and VA: Partner and VA Move into Operations and Maintenance and Continually Monitor Performance	8	S, F
PARTNER and VA: VHIE Health Program Office and Partner Meet with Local VA Medical Center Leadership to Present VHIE eHealth Exchange New Partner	9	S, F
PARTNER and VA: Partner and VA to Implement Training Education and Support Programs as required	10	S, F



VLER Health Exchange Community Care Partner Milestones (Onboarding)

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PARTNER and VA: Partner and VHIE Health Team Perform Production Data Validation	7b	S, F



VLER Health Exchange Community Care Partner Milestones (Sustainment)

Milestone	Partner Milestones	Standard or Fast Track
PARTNER and VA: Partner and VHIE Health Team Perform Production Data Validation	7b	S, F
PARTNER and VA: Partner and VA Move into Operations and Maintenance and Continually Monitor Performance	8	S, F
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PARTNER and VA: Partner and VA to Implement Training Education and Support Programs as required	10	S, F



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Q&A Discussion

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Social Security Administration and Health IT





Agenda

- SSA Disability Determination Background
- Value Proposition
- Steps to Interoperate with SSA



SSA Definition of Disability

- "Disability" under Social Security is based on your inability to work.
- Social Security pays only for total disability. No benefits are payable for partial disability or for short-term disability.
 - We consider you disabled under Social Security rules if:
 - You cannot do work that you did before;
 - We decide that you cannot adjust to other work because of your medical condition(s); and
 - Your disability has lasted or is expected to last for at least one year or to result in death.



SSA Disability Programs

- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) pays benefits to you and certain members of your family if you are "insured," meaning that you worked long enough and paid Social Security taxes
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) pays benefits based on financial need
- An approval of a disability claim leads to:
 - Monthly cash benefits
 - Healthcare coverage (Medicare, Medicaid)

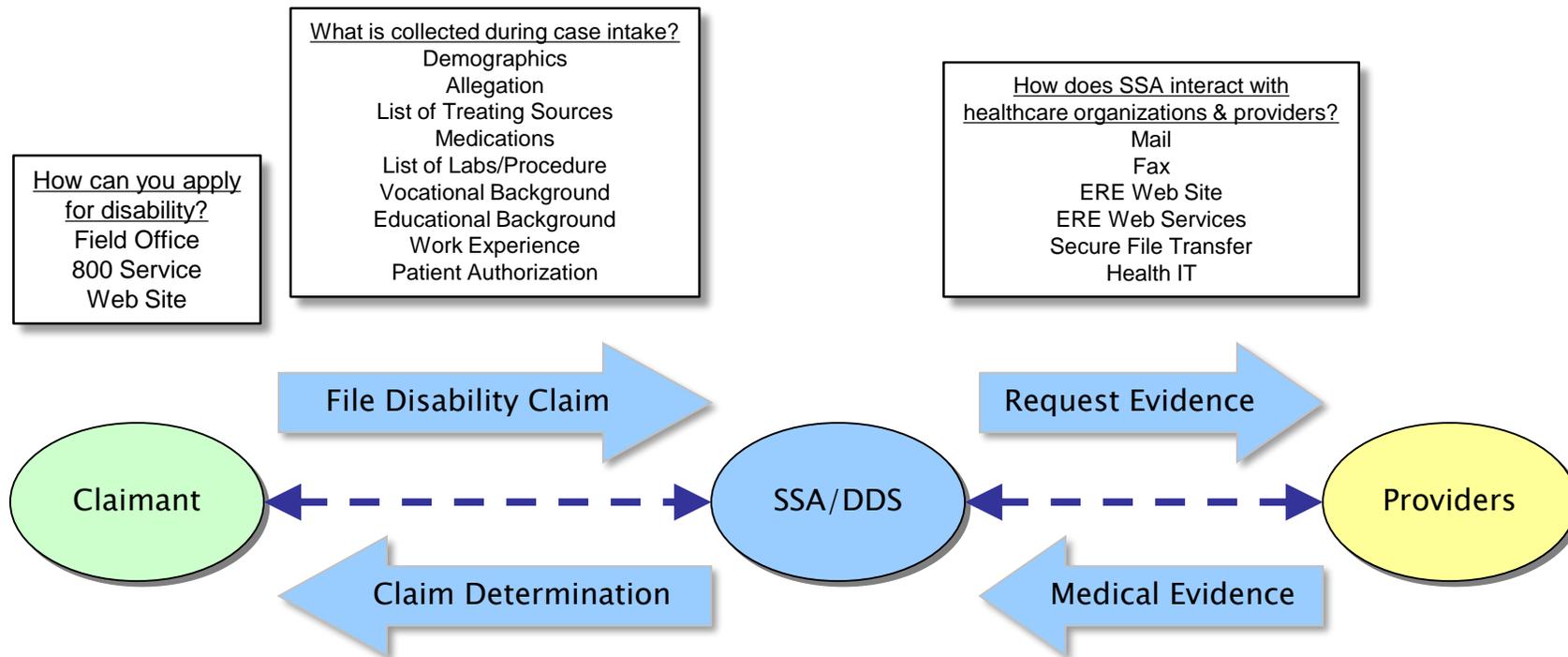


Disability Background

- Annual Disability Statistics
 - 3.5 million initial disability applications per year
 - 1 million additional medical disability decisions
 - Over 15 million requests for medical information each year
 - 500,000 sources: doctors, hospitals
 - \$500 million in payment for medical information
- SSA is not a HIPAA covered entity
- Require a patient's authorization to obtain medical records



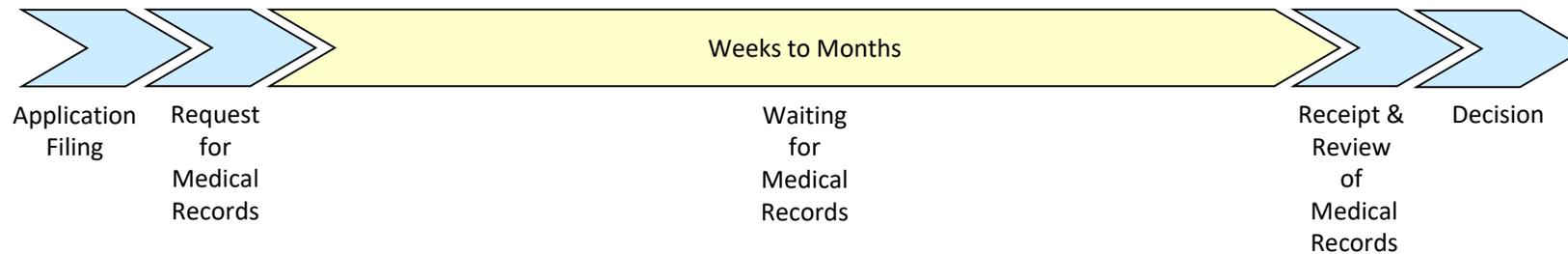
SSA Disability Determination Background



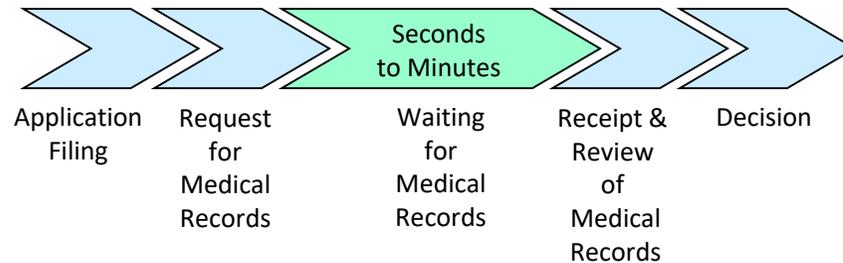


SSA Disability Determination Background

Manual Process (Mail, Fax, Scan)



Electronic Process (eHealth Exchange)





SSA Value Proposition

- Potential benefits for your patients
 - Faster disability claim determinations
 - Quicker access to monthly cash benefits
 - Earlier access to medical insurance coverage
- Potential Benefits for Health Care Providers
 - Payment for medical information
 - Automated processing of the request for medical information and payment
 - Potential to recover uncompensated care – faster disability determinations provide patients with faster access to Medicare or Medicaid benefits



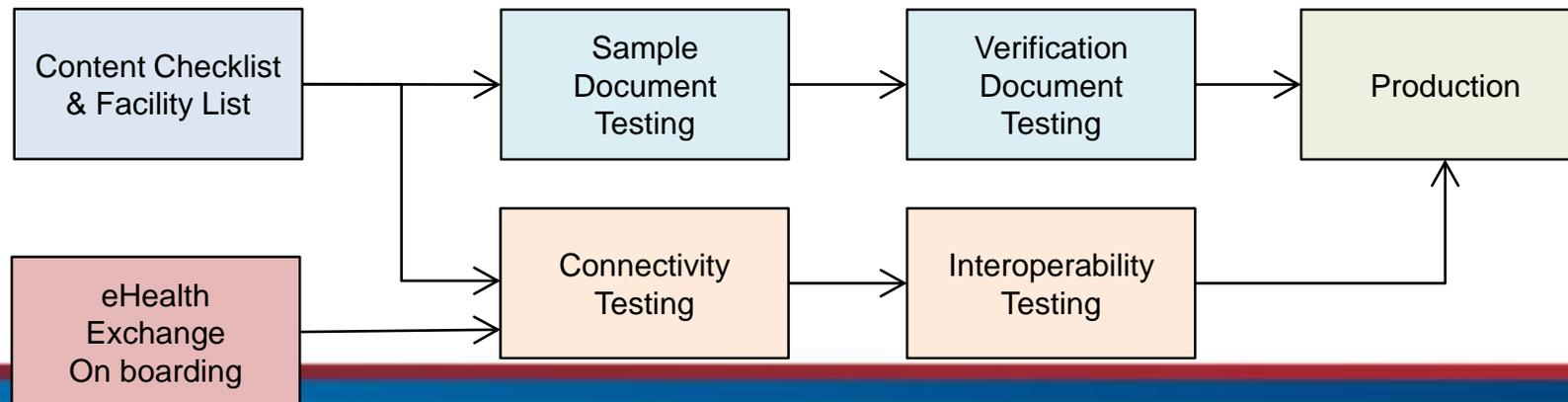
SSA Value Proposition

- Potential Benefits for Health Information Exchanges
 - Payment for medical information
 - Automated processing of the request for medical information and payment
 - Flow-down of benefits to Healthcare Providers and Patients



High-Level Activity Plan

- Qualification
 - Collect information about your capabilities
- Testing
 - Verify your capabilities
- Administration
 - Collect inoperability information for production





Qualification Step

- Content Assessment Checklist
 - What clinical content is available?
 - How is it formatted?
 - How far back is information available?
 - Is sensitive information available?
- Facility List





Testing Tasks

- Content Testing
 - Sample Testing
 - Verification Testing
- Interoperability Testing
 - Exchange OIDS, Certificates, URLs
 - Connectivity Test
 - End-to-End Interoperability Testing
- Pre-Production
 - SSA Production Preparation
 - Pre-Production Connectivity Test
- Production
 - Go Live





Administrative Step

- Pre-Production
 - Fiscal Information
 - Work with Partner and DDS to select production date





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