

DOD/VA Interagency Program Office



The Interagency Program Office (IPO) for the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Mission

- To lead DoD and VA in the development and implementation of iEHR and VLER Health systems, capabilities and initiatives that allow for full information interoperability between the Departments to better serve service members, Veterans and other eligible beneficiaries.
- To accelerate the exchange of health care information among the Departments, other federal and private partners, and service members, Veterans, and other eligible beneficiaries.
- To inform and otherwise complement other information sharing initiatives within DoD and VA to better enable the Departments to proactively provide the full continuum of services and benefits service members and Veterans have earned via veteran/service member centric process made possible by effective and efficient, standards-based information sharing.

Purpose:

- Serves as the single point of accountability for the Departments in the development and implementation of the integrated electronic health record (EHR) and Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER) Health systems, capabilities, and initiatives with the goal of full interoperability between the DoD and VA.
- Is authorized by the Departments to lead, oversee, and manage all interagency planning, programming and budgeting, contracting, architecture, capability acquisition and development, data strategy

and management, testing and evaluation planning, infrastructure requirements and funding, common services, implementation, and sustainment related to and including the iEHR and VLER Health.

- Serves as the integrated Program Executive Office for iEHR capabilities and systems, and provides direct oversight of all related EHR and VLER Health legacy systems modernization, including open source investments, in the DoD and VA. The Departments will retain primary focus on sustainment and transition activities.
- Accelerates the exchange of health care information as well as full interoperability of data for health and benefits between the Departments to support the delivery of health care and benefits.
- Leads and directs initiatives identified by the IPO Advisory Board, or Department Secretaries/Deputies, and coordinates with the Health Executive Council (HEC) and Benefits Executive Council (BEC) on requirements and business process reengineering, as needed. These initiatives include, but are not limited to, all iEHR capabilities, current and future joint health IT implementations such as the James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center in North Chicago, IL, and VLER Health.
- Establishes implementation plans for iEHR solutions based on compliance with the iEHR enterprise architecture in coordination with recommendations and analysis provided by the HEC and its sub-organizations.