

# VBMS Release 14.1 New Functionality Updates

VBMS Release 14.1 offers a variety of system improvements including Line of Business filtering within the eFolder and a new and improved annotator tool. The list below describes a variety of additional VBMS Release 14.1 improvements not included in the New Functionality Training presentation materials.

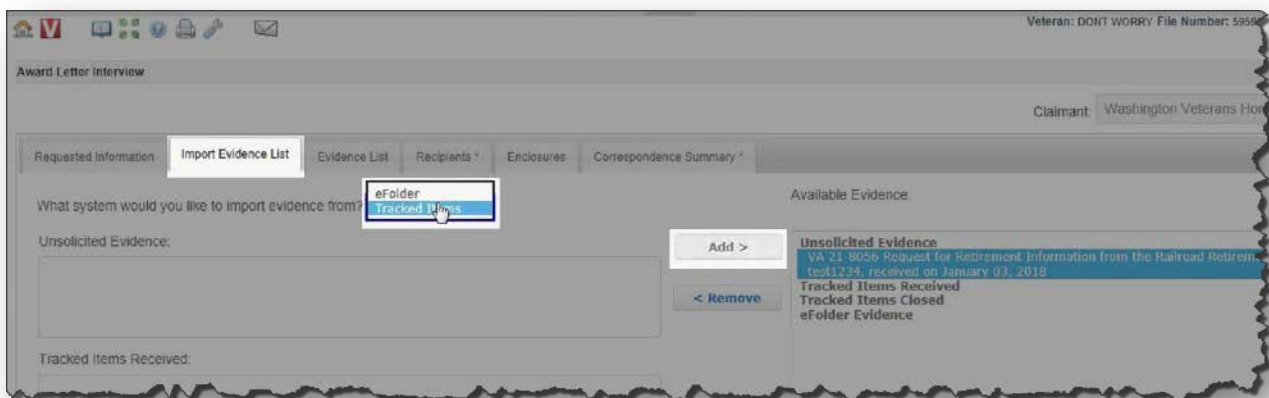
## VBMS-Core

- Award information associated with live or deceased Veterans are now viewable through VBMS-Core.
- VBMS 14.1 expands the types of pre-discharge EP codes that generate an automatic request for DoD Service Treatment Records (STRs).
- VBMS 14.1 added various tracked items. A comprehensive list will be posted to the [Job Aid page](#) on the VBMS Intranet site by March 9, 2018.

## VBMS Awards

- Awards for Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) due to Agent Orange generate a dedicated paragraph in the ADL.
- SMC adjustments for institutionalization generate new ADL paragraphs discussing hospitalization date and required follow up actions.
- Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) on an EP 692 or EP 696 now populate in the ADL.
- In VBMS 14.1, there is an option to add burial state plot allowances and to generate an ADL covering costs, previous payments, denials, and added evidence.
- Add evidence in the Import Evidence List tab by selecting “Tracked Items” in the drop-down menu, and selecting the “Add” button.

Figure 1 - Evidence Import List Tab



- VBMS 14.1 now generates a Future Diary Awards section in the ADL for ACR 643 claims if the Status of All Children tab contains an “Unclaimed DIC Child” Award Status and the Decision status is “Count in DIC Total”.

Figure 2 - Status of All Children Page

Person	Event Date	Award Status	Decision	Award Eff. Dt.	Relation
<input type="checkbox"/> DICVET FIVE CHILDONE	01/01/2017	Unclaimed DIC Child	Count in DIC Total	02/01/2017	Child
<input type="checkbox"/> DICVET FIVE CHILDONE	01/25/2018	Not an Award Dependent	Turns 18	01/25/2018	Child
<input type="checkbox"/> DICVET FIVE CHILDONE	01/01/2016	Minor Child	Eligible Minor Child	02/01/2016	Child

- VBMS 14.1 now facilitates granting benefits to a minor child not in the custody of the surviving spouse. The Processing a Claim Unassociated to Surviving Spouse job aid on the VBMS Intranet [Job Aid page](#) provides detailed instructions on this process.

### VBMS Rating

- The considered symptom, and the next higher for Diagnostic Code 5201 will now display within the narrative. Diagnostic Code 5011 cannot display as a primary code in the Quick Reference Calculator: Evaluation Builder.
- VBMS 14.1 automatically adds the SAH Grant to finalized claims for Veterans with specific service-connect disabilities.
- When finalizing a Veteran’s injury claim that may qualify for the SHA Grant, VBMS 14.1 will automatically provide a list of vision-based qualifying injuries and require a response indicating if the claim meets one of the listed conditions.

Figure 3 - SHA Eligibility Page

INFORMATION

The System is unable to determine whether or not the veteran has either:

- Central visual acuity rated as 20/200 or less in the better eye with the use of a standard correcting lens; or,
- A limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees in both eyes; or,
- Central visual acuity in one eye rated as 20/200 or less with the other eye having limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees

Does the Veteran Meet One or More of the Above Conditions?

No  Yes

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