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**Sharing Health Artifacts and Images
Across the Continuum of Care**



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DHA Vision



“A joint, integrated, premier system of health, supporting those who serve in the defense of our country.”



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Learning Objectives

- Increase the audience's knowledge of the HAIMS application and how it supports the DoD initiative to become a paperless electronic health record.
- Educate the audience on integration of the DoD record with the Veterans Benefits Management System to allow retrieval of a complete Service Treatment Record by the VA to improve the benefits determination process and reduce the time for veterans to obtain benefits.
- Inform the audience of the capabilities of HAIMS to increase the DoD providers' and clinicians' access to artifacts and images. HAIMS improves the healthcare delivery process by ensuring artifacts and images are captured and transferred from the Theater of Operations to the Garrison hospital and made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Provide information regarding the criticality of HAIMS to provide complete global visibility of artifacts and images to support the care of our wounded warriors.

Agenda



- Overview
- Capabilities
- Benefits
- STR

HAIMS Overview

- The Health Artifact and Image Management Solution (HAIMS) provides Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care providers global visibility and access to artifacts and images (A&I) generated during the health care delivery process
- Integrates with DoD's current electronic health record (EHR) and supports the exchange of A&I with the Department of Veterans Health Administration (VHA)
 - As of 2 Dec 2013, HAIMS/VHA interface had shared over 26,345 A&I
- Designated as the system of record to store the digitized Service Treatment Record (STR) upon service member separation, and make it electronically retrievable by the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)
 - As of June 2014, 60,000 STRs made available to the VA via HAIMS repository

HAIMS Capabilities



■ Digital Imaging

- Enterprise access to DoD (Theater and Garrison) and VA radiographic images
- Global database for registered PACS image metadata
- Access to Theater Image Repository (TIR) administered at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC)

■ Artifact (Document) Sharing Solution

- Global repository to store artifacts
- Provides bulk scanning capability
- Scalable storage solution
- Standardized platform for data sharing with various partners

HAIMS Benefits



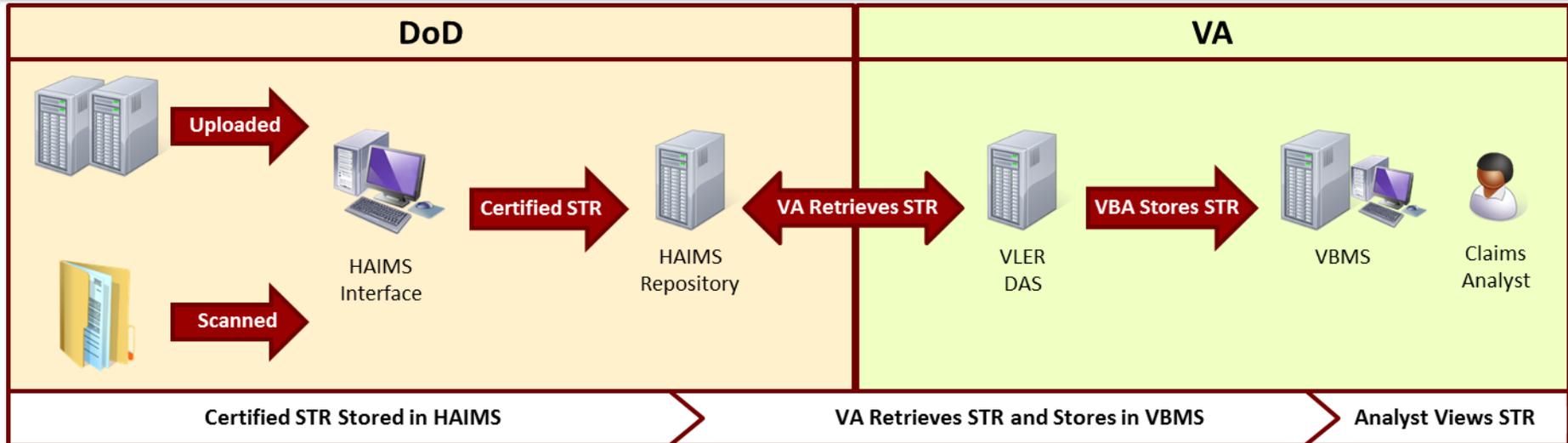
- Access point for DoD providers to view VA data
- Mass scanning for VBA compensation and pension benefits determination
- Critical component of DoD/VA electronic health record initiative
- Awareness of and access to A&I external repositories

Use of HAIMS to Achieve Digital STR Goal



- DoD agreed to use HAIMS in support of digitizing the DoD STR and making it retrievable electronically by VBA because it was the most fiscally responsible way to achieve this objective and three others through the adoption of a solution in which DoD had already invested
- The four parallel needs are:
 - ❑ Better support of the image and archive sharing needs of clinicians caring for patients (This is the primary purpose for which HAIMS was designed)
 - ❑ Better availability to clinicians of all material currently on shelves as paper record
 - ❑ A mechanism to compile and certify the complete STR in an electronic medium (VBA imposed this requirement)
 - ❑ A means of long term storage of the STR to meet disposition requirements at enormous savings over the status quo which is storage of paper records
- HAIMS STR capability implemented 6 Dec 2013; HAIMS>DAS>VBMS Interface established 2 Jan 2014

Overview STR Retrieval Process



- A service member's STR digitized process begins with authorized DoD personnel scanning information of a newly separated service member's STR.
- A digitized STR is submitted into the HAIMS repository and made available to VA as a single record.
- When a separated service member or Veteran files a claim, a VBA claims adjudicator establishes a claim in VBMS on behalf of that individual.
- The system initiates an automated request for the STR, and alerts the claims adjudicator the STR is available to support the claims process.

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