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**VETERANS HEALTH INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY ARCHITECTURE
(VISTA) CONSISTENCY CHECKS**

1. PURPOSE: This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive provides policy on the use and management of the consistency checks within the Registration software.

2. BACKGROUND: From the inception of the Registration software, consistency checks have regularly been completed on the data it provides to ensure its consistency. Veterans Health Information and Technology Architecture (Vista) capability allows authorized users to maintain system parameters thereby identifying whether a check should be turned on or turned off.

a. The Enrollment Vista changes, Release 1 (DG 5.3*653 and IVM*2*105) released July 2007, altered some of the existing consistency checks and added new checks to the software. Some of the new or existing consistency checks, if not corrected, would constrain the record from transmitting to the Health Eligibility Center (HEC).

b. Some of the inconsistencies are now relaxed. The patches supporting these changes are DG*5.3*764 affecting consistency check 718; DG*5.3*765 affecting consistency checks 72, 74 and 81; and DG*5.3*771, affecting consistency checks 65, 76, 306, 307 and 409. **NOTE:** *Attachment A of this Directive provides a comprehensive listing of the consistency checks.*

3. POLICY: It is VHA policy that all inconsistencies identified that prevent transmission of data to the HEC must be corrected within 1 business day of the initial identification.

4. ACTION: The facility Director, or designee, is responsible for ensuring that:

a. A primary and secondary point of contact (POC) (e.g., Supervisor, Intake staff) is designated to:

(1) Ensure all registration, eligibility, and enrollment data inconsistencies identified through the daily "Inconsistent Data Elements Report" that prevent transmission of data to the HEC are corrected within 1 business day of initial identification. **NOTE:** *This report can be produced by using the parameters of "Identification Date" and "Z07 Inconsistencies".*

(2) Ensure all inconsistencies identified that do not stop the data from being transmitted are evaluated and corrected, if appropriate, within 5 business days.

b. Monitors are in place to review the integrity of data entered into Vista.

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c. Parameters for the consistency checks are set up as defined in Attachment A. This attachment outlines which of the consistency checks will prevent a message (Z07) from transmitting to the HEC. **NOTE:** *Refer to the Supervisor ADT Menu User Guide located at [http://www.va.gov/vdl/documents/Clinical/Admis_Disch_Transfer_\(ADT\)/sadt.doc](http://www.va.gov/vdl/documents/Clinical/Admis_Disch_Transfer_(ADT)/sadt.doc), Inconsistency Supervisor Menu, Determine Consistency Checks to Check/Don't Check for assistance.*

d. Staff responsible for resolving consistency checks complete the training developed by the Office of Information within 30 days from release of the software.
<http://vaww.vistau.med.va.gov/vistau/Enrollment/WBT/r1-06.html>

e. The names of the POCs are forwarded to the Micro Soft Outlook mail group VHA HEC DQ Support. **NOTE:** *This mail group is utilized for the communication of updates and changes to the POCs.*

5. REFERENCE: None.

6. FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY: The Chief Business Office (CBO) is responsible for the content of this directive. Questions may be directed to (404) 235-1286.

7. RESCISSION: This VHA Directive rescinds VHA Directive 2007-019. This VHA Directive will expire on May 31, 2013.

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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT A

**PARAMETERS FOR THE VETERANS HEALTH INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY
ARCHITECTURE (VISTA) CONSISTENCY CHECKS**

The attached PDF document outlines the parameters for the VistA consistency checks. The column “Prevent Z07” outlines the consistency checks that prohibit a transmission to the HEC. This document should be printed on landscape printer set up.



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Checks.pdf