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VA Online Scheduling

VA Mobile Discussion Series November 16, 2017





- What is VA Online Scheduling?
- Challenges encountered with VA Online Scheduling
- VA Online Scheduling Improvement Updates
- Accessing VA Online Scheduling through My Health*e*Vet
- Using VA Online Scheduling through My HealtheVet
- Next Steps



- VA Online Scheduling is the new name for the Veteran Appointment Request App (VAR)
- Gives Veterans the ability to manage their VA healthcare appointments online.





- Self-schedule return visits to Primary Care clinic
- Submit requests to be scheduled into Primary Care
- Submit requests to be scheduled into Mental Health
- View all upcoming appointments
- Cancel select appointments
- Message with VA schedulers
- Receive email notifications of request status



- First sites live with VAR January 2017
- 106/141 sites live with VA Online Scheduling
- 4800 self-scheduled appointments made
- 3900 requests submitted
- 1600 appointments canceled



CHALLENGES

- DS Logon Authentication
- Integrated VistA
- Odd start time/non-standard appointment lengths
- Variability of VistA instances



- Addition of specialties: Audiology, Optometry
- Authentication with My Health*e*Vet Premium credentials
- Integration with My Health*e*Vet Patient Portal



- My Health*e*Vet integration to Veteran Appointment Request (VAR) is changing in November 2017.
- Online Scheduling Tool-My Health*e*Vet Integration will be phased in strategically over time.
- It has been proposed that Veterans Appointment Request (VAR) be changed to Online Scheduling Tool. My Health*e*Vet will no longer reference it as VAR.
- If logged into My Health*e*Vet and eligible for online scheduling, the user now has a single logon for both My Health*e*Vet and the Online Scheduling Tool.
- Currently, VA Appointments is available at over 100 VAMCs.
 - A complete list of VAMCs using VA Appointments is available at https://mobile.va.gov/app/veteran-appointment-request
- Users will be able to access VA Appointments through Vets.gov and eBenefits websites.



- You will see changes regarding online scheduling on the following pages in My HealtheVet:
 - My HealtheVet Home Page
 - Keeping Up With All Your VA Appointments (In the Spotlight article)
 - View My VA Appointments Page
 - Schedule a VA Appointment Page



Accessing VA Online Scheduling through My Health*eVet*



- Premium My Health*e*Vet Account
 - A My Health*e*Vet user must have a Premium account and be a VA patient to use the online scheduling capability; not basic or advanced.
- Participating VAMCs Where Appointment is Requested
 - The Appointment must be scheduled at a participating VAMC where the online scheduling tool is offered.
 - The appointment must be with a participating clinic, and the
 Veteran's PMC must be participating with Online Scheduling Tool.
 - The VAMC must have Online Scheduling Tool appointment slots available.



- Eligible Premium My HealtheVet user
- Anonymous User not logged into My HealtheVet
- Basic/Advanced My Health*e*Vet user
- Ineligible Premium My Health*e*Vet user



- The Veteran is:
 - Logged into My HealtheVet using their Premium My HealtheVet Account
 - A VA patient
 - Making their appointment at a participating VAMC
 - With a Primary Care Physician participating in the Online Scheduling program
 - In a clinic that is participating in the Online Scheduling program
 - That has available appointment slots for an online appointment



- The My Health*e*Vet pages that have changed are:
 - Home page
 - Appointments Tile
 - VAR Button
 - View My VA Appointments page
 - Schedule a VA Appointment page



ELIGIBLE PREMIUM MY HEALTHEVET USER (3 OF 6)

- The links in the Appointment tile on the Home Page have changed to:
 - View My VA Appointments
 - Schedule a VA
 Appointment
- Text in the first gray box In the Spotlight is changed to Schedule a VA Appointment





- If the user selects View
 My VA Appointments,
 they will see:
 - The View My VA
 Appointments page
 - A Before your
 appointment box listing the tasks the user may want to perform prior to actually scheduling their appointment
 - A VA Appointments
 Summary table
 - A Schedule a VA
 Appointment button

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- If the user selects Schedule a VA
 Appointment from the Appointments
 Tile or from In the Spotlight, they will see:
 - Bullets providing eligibility reminders for scheduling an appointment online
 - A link to a list of VA facilities that offer online scheduling
 - A link providing detailed instructions on how to use the online scheduling tool
 - A Schedule a VA Appointment button
 - A link to all VA facility's phone numbers so they may schedule an appointment by phone if they are not eligible to schedule online





- The User is:
 - Not logged into My HealtheVet
- The My Health*e*Vet pages that have changed are:
 - Home page
 - Appointments Tile
 - VAR Button
 - "Keeping Up With All Your VA Appointments" In the Spotlight article



- If the user accesses My HealtheVet and has not logged in:
 - The dashboard displays an Appointments Tile with a Read More link
 - The first gray button found In the Spotlight has changed from Veterans Appointment Request to Schedule a VA Appointment

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 Appointment Online
 button the user is directed
 to the Spotlight article titled
 "Keeping Up with All Your
 VA Appointments."
 - This article educates the user on how to schedule appointments online





- The user:
 - Has a Basic OR Advanced My HealtheVet account
 - Is a VA patient
- The My HealtheVet pages that have changed are:
 - Home page
 - Appointments Tile
 - View My VA Appointments page



- On My HealtheVet Home page in the Appointments tile, the VA Appointments link has changed to View My VA Appointments.
- The first gray button found In the Spotlight has changed from Veterans Appointment Requests to Schedule a VA Appointment.





- If the user selects View My
 VA Appointments or the
 Schedule a VA
 Appointment button in
 Spotlight:
 - The View My VA
 Appointments page displays that explains why they cannot proceed to schedule an appointment online
 - Links display to create a
 Premium account or Find
 your VA health facility's
 phone number to call for an
 appointment



- The user:
 - Does not get services from a VAMC participating in online scheduling OR
 - Is requesting an appointment at a VAMC where the Online Scheduling Tool scheduling slots are full
- My Healthevet pages that have changed are:
 - Home page
 - Appointments Tile
 - Veterans Appointment Request button
 - View My VA Appointments page
 - Schedule a VA Appointment page

On My Health*e*Vet
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Appointments tile, the
View My
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changed to View My
VA Appointments.

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 The first gray button found In the Spotlight has changed from Veterans Appointment Request to Schedule a VA Appointment.

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- If the user selects View My VA Appointments:
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- If the user selects the Schedule a VA
 Appointment button in Spotlight on the Home
 Page:
 - A unique **Schedule A VA Appointment** page displays

- Users in eBenefits can access the online scheduling tool through the VA Appointment module if they meet the criteria.
- Users in Vets.gov can access the online scheduling tool if they meet the criteria.

Using VA Online Scheduling

Log in to online scheduling with either your My Health**e**Vet Premium or DS Logon Level 2 (Premium) Account credentials

HOME SCREEN

	VA	Appointments	2
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Access the tool's main features from the Home screen:

- List of appointments and requests
- New appointment/request
- Notifications

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User Menu
About
Help
Feedback
Preferences
Launchpad
Logout

Tap the user menu to access:

- About
- Help
- Feedback
- Preferences
- VA Launchpad
- Logout

SCHEDULE A NEW APPOINTMENT/REQUEST YOURSELF

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* Type of Care: Providers:	
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* Scheduling Method:	
Schedule Myself	
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Schedule Appointment

- Tap New Appointment/Request
- Select the type of care from the dropdown menu (Primary Care, Audiology, Optometry or Outpatient Mental Health)
- Tap the circle next to Schedule Myself
- More information will populate below, and fill out the details
 - Facility and/or Clinic
 - Reason for appointment
 - Preferred date
 - Email preferences
 - Email
- Tap Schedule Appointment
- If you would like to add the appointment to your schedule, tap Add to Calendar

SCHEDULE A NEW APPOINTMENT/REQUEST WITH HELP

New Appointment/Request

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If you don't see a Type of Care that matches your needs, contact your facili	ty	
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 Submit a Request to VA Scheduler 		

- Tap New Appointment/Request
- Select the type of care from the dropdown menu (Primary Care, Audiology, Optometry or Outpatient Mental Health)
- Tap the circle next to Submit a Request to a VA Scheduler
- More information will populate below, and fill out the details
 - Purpose of visit
 - Type of visit
 - Date/time
 - Phone/verify phone
 - Best time for VA to call
 - Calls from VA
 - Message
 - Email preferences
 - Email
- Tap Submit Request

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Cancel Request	

- After you tap Submit Request, you will go to a Request Details screen that confirms your request has been submitted and provides an overview of the details.
- If you would like to add the appointment to your schedule, tap Add to Calendar (after the appointment is scheduled).

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Reason for Visit: Testing		
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* Reason for Cancellation		
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Cancel Appointment		

- From the Home screen, tap the specific appointment you would like to view. You will go to an Appointment Details screen, which provides an overview of your appointment.
- If you would like to cancel, tap Yes under "I need to cancel this appointment."
- A Reason for Cancellation bar will appear, and select the reason you want to cancel.
- Tap Cancel Appointment.

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Phone:	Best Times for VA to Call:
(555) 555-0000	Afternoon, Evening
Preference:	Purpose of Visit:
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- From the Home screen, tap the specific request you would like to view. You will go to a Request Details screen, which provides an overview of your request.
- If you would like to cancel, tap Cancel Request.
- A Reason for Cancellation bar will appear, and tap
 Yes to confirm the cancellation.

- Monitor online scheduling usage and success rates to see if improvements are having desired impact
- Enable on-line scheduling for additional types of care:
 - ✓ <u>Current</u>: Primary Care, Mental Health, Audiology, Optometry
 - ✓ <u>Planned</u>: Telehealth (VA Video Connect), Podiatry, Nutrition, Prosthetics, Wheelchair Clinic, and Sleep Care
- Enable on-line requests for Community Care Appointments
- Explore potential for adding text message appointment reminders to all VA appointments

QUESTIONS

Questions about <u>VA Online Scheduling Implementation</u> should be emailed to <u>var_release_team@va.gov</u>.

<u>Veterans with questions about VA Online Scheduling</u> should call the HRC Help Desk at 1-877-470-5947.

VA staff with questions about VA Online Scheduling, Scheduling Manager and/or VA Tool Set should call the Mobile Help Desk at 1-844-482-6624 (Option 1 - even if you don't have a mobile device).

What future topics would you like to discuss?

Let us know by providing feedback at this link: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QLQ85WB</u>