

TRICARE Online Blue Button Wins 2011 GCN Award

Ten IT projects, including TRICARE Online's Blue Button, have been named winners of the 2011 Government Computer News Awards for IT Achievement.

Built and managed by the Defense Health Services Systems Clinical Support Division for the Department of Defense Military Health System, the TOL Blue Button makes it easier for DoD beneficiaries to actively manage their own health care. Recent upgrades to TOL give users access to more individual health information including lab results, problem lists, and encounter data. TOL users can view, download and print their own health information including the date, time, and location of visits to participating health providers.

GCN says the teams behind this year's winning projects, chosen from a list of more than 200 nominees, share a commitment to drive down costs and display the leadership and engineering skills needed to put the power of some of the world's biggest computer facilities into the hands of individual citizens and professional end users.

"These programs showed how to deliver real cost savings by embracing innovation and taking calculated risks," said Venkatapathi ("PV") Puvvada, managing partner for Unisys Federal Civilian agencies group and one of eight judges of the nominated projects. "They are good examples of what we need to do in the current government environment of deficits and budget challenges."



TRICARE Online Blue Button champions are (from left) Jonathan Woodson, M.D., Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; Jenna Noble, DHSS Deputy Program Manager, Clinical Support; Maj. Denise Holloway, Chief, Access to Care Information Management, OSDHA; and Dr. Dan Magee, DHSS Project Executive Officer. (Photo courtesy of GCN magazine).

The winning projects and their teams will be honored at GCN's annual awards gala dinner and reception Oct. 19. The projects were chosen by the following group of judges from across the public-sector IT community

- Mary Davie, Assistant Commissioner of the General Services Administration's Office of Integrated Technology Services.

MHS Learn Successfully Launches Transition Assistance Program for the Department of Veterans Affairs

The MHS Learn team has launched a training module on the Transition Assistance Program which is accessible from the eBenefits Portal for the Department of Veterans Affairs. The training, which consists of 11 lessons on VA benefits for eligible beneficiaries, is for active duty service members, dependents, National Guard members, Reservists, and veterans. Training will be on VA health, housing, life, education, and medical benefits. The training also covers vocational rehabilitation, employment, and counseling services.

To access the training, users should log onto <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov> with their DoD Self Service logon account and click onto "MyeBenefits". For additional assistance or support, please contact the eBenefits Help Desk at 1-800-983-0937.

Enterprise Clinical Training for National Capital Region



Over 6,000 learners have successfully completed the DoD/VA joint enterprise annual regulatory training on MHS Learn for the Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical Command. The JTF CapMed deployment was tested at Ft. Belvoir Community Hospital, Malcolm Grow Medical Center at Andrews Air Force Base, National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, and the Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

The courses are online at mhslearn.disa.mil and meet the annual regulatory training guidelines provided by the Joint Commission for Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, Occupational Health & Safety Administration, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Launched in 2010, this milestone deployment is projected to save DoD and VA over \$20 million when fully deployed throughout both enterprises.

For additional assistance or support with MHS Learn, please contact the MHS Service Desk at 1-800-600-9332 or by email to mhssc@timpo.osd.mil.

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- Robert Childs, Chancellor of the National Defense University's iCollege.
- Elizabeth McGrath, Deputy Chief Management Officer, Department of Department.
- Kshemendra Paul, Program Manger of the Information Sharing Environment in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.
- Chris Smith, CIO of the Agriculture Department.
- Simon Szykman; CIO of the Commerce Department.
- Tim Young, Senior Manager at Deloitte Consulting
- PV Puvvada, Unisys.

The judges scored the nominations on the net impact of the program on the host agency and its customers; the degree of innovation in the technology plan carried out; and the quality of leadership in the team that carried the projects to fruition.

"Proactive leadership from agency executives is clearly evident across these programs, starting from providing compelling vision to rolling up their sleeves to remove obstacles and solve problems," Puvvada said.

The 2011 GCN Award winners are.

TRICARE Blue Button

Department of Defense Military Health System

MyMedicare.gov

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Consular Affairs Modernization

State Department

Enterprise E-mail and Collaboration

General Services Administration

Secure Flight Program

Transportation Security Administration

Citizen Connect

City of Boston

Vaccine Management and Tracking System

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Modernized e-File

Internal Revenue Service

Combat Service Support Satellite Network

U.S. Army

Digital Library of Math Functions

National Institutes of Standards and Technology

For more information about the GCN awards program, please visit www.GCN.com. For more information about TRICARE Online and its capabilities please visit www.tricareonline.com.



TRICARE Online Blue Button Capabilities Featured in National Health IT Week Exhibit on Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON, D.C. –The Department of Defense Military Health System's TRICARE Online Blue Button capabilities were presented during National Health IT Week demonstrations on Capitol Hill in September. Sponsored by the Health Information and Management Systems Society Institute for e-Health Policy, TOL's Blue Button was featured at the "One Voice, One Vision," event in the Russell Senate Building on Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The annual National Health IT Week activities are a collaborative forum where public and private healthcare constituents work in partnership to educate industry and policy stakeholders about the value of health information technology for the nation's healthcare system.

Joining DoD in demonstrating its Blue Button capabilities were representatives of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The DoD, VA, and CMS Blue Button demonstrations were lauded as best case examples of the "One Voice, One Vision," theme. The exhibit, organized by the Capitol Hill Steering Committee on Telehealth and Healthcare Informatics, featured a keynote speech by Sen. Kent Conrad (D-North Dakota). He praised all efforts underway now in electronic health initiatives and encouraged those at the exhibit to continue their work in transforming healthcare IT policy into practice.

The DoD, VA, and CMS, launched the Blue Button in 2010 following a collaborative working group led by the Markle Foundation. The Blue Button supports federal initiatives to give patients secure access to their own personal health information. Access to data through the Blue Button is helping to strengthen communication between patients and healthcare providers. It is also helping to improve the quality of healthcare by giving patients an active role in their own healthcare. The result is an increase in patient safety and a decrease in medical errors.

With the DoD's Blue Button on TRICARE Online, patients' personal health data is automatically uploaded to review. Patients can read their medication, allergy, and demographic information. They can examine their own lab results, medical problem lists, and encounters with medical providers. Patients can select their personal health data summary preferences and then save, download, or print their personal health information in plain text or a pdf. The amount of health data available to individual patients through TRICARE Online depends on where their treatment occurs. The most detailed information is available to patients who regularly receive care at military treatment facilities.

The Blue Button is one of many improvements to TRICARE Online giving patients the ability to better manage their own health by direct access to their own health information. For more information about TRICARE Online and its capabilities please visit www.tricareonline.com.



TRICARE Online Subject Matter Expert Aria Porter, right, demonstrates the Blue Button capabilities of TRICARE Online during the "One Voice, One Vision," exhibit on Capitol Hill on Sept. 12.

CDM, MCFAS, MHS Insight

Product Decommissioning Activities

CDM

Due to decommissioning activities, user access to the Clinical Data Mart ended July 1. A proposed interim solution for clinical reporting is being developed and will provide continued access to only a minimum, essential subset of data from the Clinical Data Repository. For information about this proposed solution, please contact:

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MCFAS

Due to decommissioning activities, user access to the Managed Care Forecasting and Analysis application ended on Aug.1. Historical projection cohort data from MCFAS will be added to the MHS Management Analysis and Reporting Tool at a future date. The Defense Health Cost Analysis Program Evaluation division (formerly Business Economic Analysis) for the TMA Chief Financial Officer will provide analytics for MCFAS population projections. For more information, please contact:

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MHS Insight

Due to decommissioning activities, user access to MHS Insight ended on Aug. 1. The Business Proponency Management Board has not identified any of the MHS Insight data to make accessible in an existing or future application and has not identified requirements to be transferred to an existing or future application. For more information, please contact:

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DoDVA Chronic Kidney Disease Grand Rounds Now on MHS Learn

The DoDVA Patient Education Grand Rounds will soon be posted on MHS Learn. Users can access the training by going to mhslearn.disa.mil and clicking onto the Grand Rounds course catalog.

These training efforts focus on treatment for chronic kidney disease and include one case study and one nutrition report. The courses are available by clicking on this link:

<https://mhslearn.csd.disa.mil/ilearn/en/learner/mhs/portal/home.jsp>

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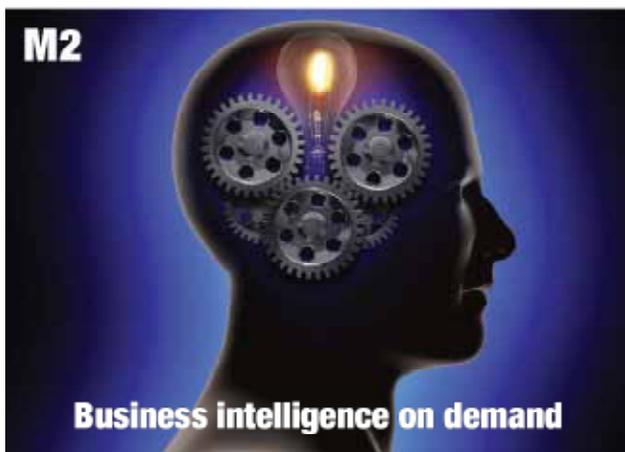
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M2 Users Urged to Transition Individual Reports into BOXI

Version 5.1.7 for the MHS Management Analysis and Reporting tool, M2, will lose its Authority to Operate on Sept. 30, 2011. Users of M2 are urged to begin building new reports in the M2 BOXI application released earlier this year. After Sept. 30, 2011, M2 users will no longer have the ability to refresh M2 reports built with version 5.1.7 objects.

M2 users are also strongly encouraged to begin transitioning individual reports that use objects in the Professional Encounter class from the Standard Ambulatory Data Record (SADR) subclass of Direct Care to objects in the Comprehensive Ambulatory/Professional Encounter Record (CAPER).

For additional information or assistance regarding these changes to M2, please contact the MHS Desk at mhssc@timpo.osd.mil or mhs_remedy@timpo.osd.mil, or by dialing 1-800-600-9332.



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