



Privacy Impact Assessment for the VA IT System called:

Salesforce- Medical Disability Exam Quality (MCEQ)

Veterans Benefit Administration

Medical Disability Examination Office (MDEO), Benefits and Memorial Services

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Abstract

The abstract provides the simplest explanation for “what does the system do?”.

Medical Disability Exam Quality (MCEQ) is a Salesforce application. It allows the user to input responses to a series of questions that are part of a checklist used by Salesforce- Medical Disability Exam Quality (MCEQ) Quality Reviewers. The job of the quality reviewer is to answer these questions within MCEQ while reviewing medical examinations completed by MCEQ contract vendors. The medical disability examinations are not housed or viewable within MCEQ. MCEQ is a repository for quality review questions and responses with data associated, allowing users to locate the examination within other VA systems. The response data entered by the quality analyst is vital for determining vendor quality scores to determine contract compliance and measure performance.

Below is a list of data collected for quality assurance purposes:

- Claim ID (not file number)
- First and last name of Veteran
- Name of quality reviewer (VA employee)
- Type of examination being reviewed (Disability Benefits Questionnaire or DBQ is the name for examinations)
- MDE contract region
- MDE contract vendor company name
- Date medical disability examination was completed
- Date medical disability examination was requested by VA
- First and last name of contract physician that performed the medical disability examination
- License number and/or National Provider Identification number of contract physician that performed the medical disability examination
- Yes/No/N/A responses and comments associated with the 13 quality review questions that are part of the checklist

Overview

The overview is the most important section of the PIA. A thorough and clear overview gives the reader the appropriate context to understand the responses in the PIA. The overview should contain the following elements:

1 General Description

A. What is the IT system name and the name of the program office that owns the IT system?

The MCEQ module has been built within the Salesforce Government Cloud Plus-Enterprise (SFGCP-E) platform. The module is managed by Medical Disability Examination Office (MDEO) and the platform is managed by the Office of Information and Technology (OI&T).

B. What is the business purpose of the program, IT system, or technology and how it relates to the program office and agency mission?

The MCEQ module provides a user interface and database to record and store quality review information. The quality review information is essential to uphold MDE contract vendors to their contractual obligations and assess performance for completing medical examinations.

C. *Who is the owner or control of the IT system or project?*

Medical Disability Examination Office (MDEO) is the business owner of the Salesforce-Medical Disability Exam Quality (MCEQ) module. Digital transformation Center (DTC) manages the Salesforce IT Contractor supporting the development/integration. DTC will sustain the system on behalf of MDEO.

2. *Information Collection and Sharing*

D. *What is the expected number of individuals whose information is stored in the system and a brief description of the typical client or affected individual?*

The number of individuals whose information is stored is approximately 100,000, increasing every month. Currently the sample size is approximately 2,000 Disability Benefits Questionnaire (DBQs) reviewed per month – however there may be more than one DBQ per Veteran in the sample size. The number of individuals added per month therefore could be up to the sample size as a maximum rate.

E. *What is a general description of the information in the IT system and the purpose for collecting this information?*

MCEQ supports quality reviews for medical disability examinations. Each record within the system represents a completed medical disability examination and is part of the sample that is being reviewed by the MDEO quality team each month. Each record contains information that helps to identify that medical disability examination for reporting purposes. Therefore, the data associated with each record includes:

- Claim ID (not file number)
- First and last name of Veteran
- Name of quality reviewer (VA employee)
- Type of examination being reviewed (Disability Benefits Questionnaire or DBQ is the name for examinations)
- MDE contract region
- MDE contract vendor company name
- Date medical disability examination was completed
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F. *What information sharing conducted by the IT system? A general description of the modules and subsystems, where relevant, and their functions.*

MCEQ shares data with MuleSoft for the purpose of uploading disability benefit questionnaires (DBQ) data.

G. *If the system is operated in more than one site, and if so, a description of how use of the system and PII is maintained consistently in all sites and if the same controls are used across sites?*

MCEQ is utilized by the MDEO quality team supporting VBACO. The system is internet/cloud based and may be accessed from anywhere.

3. Legal Authority and SORN

H. *What is the citation of the legal authority to operate the IT system?*

SORN #: 170VA22

Citation: 78 FR 12423

Hyperlink to Federal Register: 170VA22

System Title: Principles of Excellence Centralized Compliant System – VA

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-05-02/pdf/2022-09377.pdf>

MCEQ is covered by the Salesforce Authority to Operate (ATO).

I. *If the system is in the process of being modified and a SORN exists, will the SORN require amendment or revision and approval? If the system is using cloud technology, does the SORN for the system cover cloud usage or storage?*

The SORN will not require amendment or revision and approval. Salesforce is maintained in a cloud environment and should be covered by the SORN.

4. System Changes

J. *Will the completion of this PIA will result in circumstances that require changes to business processes?*

There are no expected changes to business processes resulting from this PIA.

K. *Will the completion of this PIA could potentially result in technology changes?*

There are no expected changes to technology resulting from this PIA.

Section 1. Characterization of the Information

The following questions are intended to define the scope of the information requested and collected as well as the reasons for its collection as part of the program, IT system, or technology being developed.

1.1 What information is collected, used, disseminated, created, or maintained in the system?

Identify and list all Sensitive Personal Information (SPI) that is collected and stored in the system, including Individually Identifiable Information (III), Individually Identifiable Health Information (IIHI), Protected Health Information (PHI), and Privacy- Protected Information. For additional information on these information types and definitions, please see VA Directives and Handbooks in the 6500 series (<https://vaww.va.gov/vapubs/>). If the system creates information (for example, a score, analysis, or report), list the information the system is responsible for creating.

If a requesting system receives information from another system, such as a response to a background check, describe what information is returned to the requesting system.

This question is related to privacy control AP-1, Authority to Collect, and AP-2, Purpose Specification.

The information selected below must match the information provided in question 2.1 as well as the data elements columns in 4.1 and 5.1. It must also match the information provided in question 3.4 of the PTA.

Please check any information listed below that your system collects, uses, disseminates, creates, or maintains. If additional SPI is collected, used, disseminated, created, or maintained, please list those in the text box below:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficiary Numbers | <input type="checkbox"/> Number (ICN) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Number | <input type="checkbox"/> Account numbers | <input type="checkbox"/> Military |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Date of Birth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificate/License | <input type="checkbox"/> History/Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Maiden Name | <input type="checkbox"/> numbers ¹ | <input type="checkbox"/> Connection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Mailing | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle License Plate | <input type="checkbox"/> Next of Kin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Address | <input type="checkbox"/> Number | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Data Elements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Phone | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Protocol (IP) | <input type="checkbox"/> (list below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Number(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Address Numbers | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Fax Number | <input type="checkbox"/> Medications | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Email | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Records | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Address | <input type="checkbox"/> Race/Ethnicity | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Contact | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Identification | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information (Name, Phone | <input type="checkbox"/> Number | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Number, etc. of a different | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Record | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> individual) | <input type="checkbox"/> Number | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender | |

Other PII/PHI data elements: Claim ID (not file number), Veteran Name, Name of quality reviewer (VA employee), Type of examination being reviewed (Disability Benefits Questionnaire or DBQ is the name for examinations), MDE contract region, MDE contract vendor company name, Date examination was completed, Date examination was requested by VA, First and last name of contract

¹ *Specify type of Certificate or License Number (e.g., Occupational, Education, Medical)

physician that performed the medical disability examination, License number and/or National Provider Identification number of contract physician that performed the medical disability examination, Yes/No/N/A responses and comments associated with the 13 quality review questions that are part of the checklist.

Individuals submitting feedback can provide written comments. The comments are not released or shared outside of MCEQ.

PII Mapping of Components (Servers/Database)

MCEQ consists of two key components (servers/databases/instances/applications/software/application programming interfaces (API). Each component has been analyzed to determine if any elements of that component collect PII. The type of PII collected by MCEQ and the reasons for the collection of the PII are in the table below.

Note: Due to the PIA being a public facing document, please do not include server names in the table. **The first table of 3.9 in the PTA should be used to answer this question.**

Internal Components Table

Component Name (Database, Instances, Application, Software, Application Program Interface (API) etc.) that contains PII/PHI	Does this system collect PII? (Yes/No)	Does this system store PII? (Yes/No)	Type of PII (SSN, DOB, etc.)	Reason for Collection/ Storage of PII	Safeguards
Salesforce Government Cloud Plus - Enterprise (SFGCP-E)	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Claim ID (not file number) ➤ Veteran Name ➤ Name of quality reviewer (VA employee) ➤ Type of examination being reviewed 	Quality Reviews	VA Firewall
EDW Excel Data File containing DBQs	Yes (temporarily)	Yes (temporarily)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Claim ID (not file number), ➤ Veteran Name, ➤ Name of quality reviewer (VA employee), ➤ Type of examination being reviewed (Disability Benefits Questionnaire or DBQ is the name for examinations), ➤ MDE contract region, ➤ MDE contract vendor company name, 	Quality Reviews	MuleSoft site-to-site encryption

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Date examination was completed, ➤ Date examination was requested by VA, ➤ First and last name of contract physician that performed the medical disability examination, ➤ License number and/or National Provider Identification number of contract physician that performed the medical disability examination, ➤ Yes/No/N/A responses and comments associated with the 13 quality review questions that are part of the checklist 		
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1.2 What are the sources of the information in the system?

These questions are related to privacy controls DI-1, Data Quality, and IP-1, Consent.

1.2a List the individual, entity, or entities providing the specific information identified above. For example, is the information collected directly from the individual as part of an application for a benefit, or is it collected from other sources such as commercial data aggregators?

The data is exported from VA’s Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW) and stored in an excel spreadsheet. The spreadsheet is appropriately formatted by the MDEO Quality staff and then uploaded to MCEQ using the self-upload process involving Mulesoft. MCEQ All other information is entered directly into MCEQ by MDEO Quality Reviewers.

1.2b Describe why information from sources other than the individual is required? For example, if a program’s system is using data from a commercial aggregator of information or data taken from public Web sites, state the fact that this is where the information is coming from and then in question indicate why the system is using this source of data.

The information that is used to create each record in MCEQ comes from the VA Electronic Data Warehouse (EDW). There is no direct interface from the EDW to MCEQ. The data is exported from EDW into an excel spreadsheet. The spreadsheet is appropriately formatted by the MDEO Quality staff and then uploaded to MCEQ using the self-upload process involving Mulesoft MCEQ. All other information is entered directly into MCEQ by MDEO Quality Reviewers.

1.2c Does the system create information (for example, a score, analysis, or report), list the system as a source of information?

No MCEQ does not create information. The information that is used to create each record in MCEQ comes from the VA Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW). There is no direct interface between EDW and MCEQ.

1.3 How is the information collected?

These questions are related to privacy controls DI-1, Data Quality, and IP-1, Consent.

1.3a This question is directed at the means of collection from the sources listed in question 1.2. Information may be collected directly from an individual, received via electronic transmission from another system, or created by the system itself. Specifically, is information collected through technologies or other technologies used in the storage or transmission of information in identifiable form?

The information that is used to create each record in MCEQ comes from the VA's EDW. There is no direct connection to EDW. The data is exported from EDW into an excel spreadsheet. The spreadsheet is appropriately formatted by the Quality staff and then uploaded to MCEQ using the self-upload process involving Mulesoft.MCEQ

1.3b If the information is collected on a form and is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, what is the form's OMB control number and the agency form number?

MCEQ shares data with MuleSoft for the purpose of uploading disability benefit questionnaires (DBQ) data. However, the information is not collected on forms.

1.4 How will the information be checked for accuracy? How often will it be checked?

These questions are related to privacy controls DI-1, Data Quality, and DI-2, Data Integrity and Integrity Board.

1.4a Discuss whether and how often information stored in the system is checked for accuracy. Is information in the system checked against any other source of information (within or outside your organization) before the information is used to make decisions about an individual? For example, is there a computer matching agreement in place with another government agency? For systems that receive data from internal data sources or VA IT systems, describe the system checks to ensure that data corruption has not occurred during transmission.

The information is checked for accuracy by pulling the data from EDW, then comparing it to invoices sent by the vendor prior to entry into MCEQ. Additionally, MDEO Quality Reviewers are ensuring the data is accurate as they complete medical disability examination reviews by looking at the Veteran's record in VA's VBMS system.

1.4b Does the system check for accuracy by accessing a commercial aggregator of information, describe this process and the levels of accuracy required by the contract?

No, MCEQ does not use commercial aggregators

1.5 What specific legal authorities, arrangements, and agreements defined the collection of information?

List the full legal authority for operating the system, specifically the authority to collect the information listed in question 1.1. Provide the authorities in a manner understandable to any potential reader, i.e., do not simply provide a legal citation; use statute names or regulations in addition to citations. Legal authorities include Federal laws, regulations, statutes, and Executive Orders. This question is related to privacy control AP-1, Authority to Collect

The MCEQ module is covered under the overarching Salesforce Government Cloud authority to operate. MCEQ is a repository for quality review questions and responses with data associated, allowing VA users to locate the examination within other VA systems. The response data entered by

the quality analyst is vital for determining vendor quality scores to determine contract compliance and measure performance.

1.6 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Characterization of the information

Consider the specific data elements collected and discuss the potential privacy risks and what steps, if any are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks. (Work with your System ISSO to complete this section)

Consider the following Fair Information Practice Principles (FIPPs) when assessing the risk to individual privacy:

Principle of Purpose Specification: Explain how the collection ties with the purpose of the underlying mission of the organization and its enabling authority.

Principle of Minimization: Is the information directly relevant and necessary to accomplish the specific purposes of the program?

Principle of Individual Participation: Does the program, to the extent possible and practical, collect information directly from the individual?

Principle of Data Quality and Integrity: Are there policies and procedures for VA to ensure that personally identifiable information is accurate, complete, and current?

This question is related to privacy control AR-1, Governance and Privacy Program, and AR-2, Privacy Impact and Risk Assessment.

Follow the format below when entering your risk assessment:

Privacy Risk: The risk is associated with the collection of PII information on the Veteran. The information is collected to allow the MDEO Quality Team to assess the MDE contract vendors' compliance with the contract requirements and measure performance.

The risks associated with the disclosure of PII information can result in harm to an individual whose privacy has been breached.

Inappropriate internal sharing and disclosure:

- Viewing Veteran name
- Viewing Veteran Claim ID

Mitigation: The Salesforce Government Cloud requires all VA users to access MCEQ utilizing a PIV card and also logging into the VA network through secure sites with 2-factor authentication. All VA employees accessing the system have had full background checks. In order to ensure data within MCEQ is accurate and current, it is pulled on a monthly basis from the VA EDW database which keeps current records of medical disability examinations. In order to limit PII, MCEQ uses claim IDs rather than file numbers. Claim IDs are used as an identifier that can be used to search for medical disability examinations in VBMS.

Section 2. Uses of the Information

The following questions are intended to clearly delineate the use of information and the accuracy of the data being used.

2.1 Describe how the information in the system that will be used in support of the program’s business purpose.

Identify and list each use (both internal and external to VA) of the information collected or maintained. This question is related to privacy control AP-2, Purpose Specification.

PII/PHI Data Element	Internal Use	External Use
Veteran Name	Medical Disability Examination Identification	Not used
Claim ID	Medical Disability Examination Identification	Not used
Type of Examination	Medical Disability Examination Identification	Not used
Date Examination Requested	Medical Disability Examination Identification	Not used
Date Examination Completed	Medical Disability Examination Identification	Not used
Quality Reviewer Name	Medical Disability Examination Identification	Not used
Contract Physician Name	Medical Disability Examination Identification	Not used
Company Name License Number	Medical Disability Examination Identification	Not used
Claim ID	Medical Disability Examination Identification	Not used
Contract Region	Medical Disability Examination Identification	Not used

The sole purpose of the information collected and maintained, in MCEQ, is to determine contract vendor quality of medical examinations. The data allows VA to ensure contract compliance and performance measures.

2.2 What types of tools are used to analyze data and what type of data may be produced?

These questions are related to privacy controls DI-1, Data Quality, DI-2, Data Integrity and Integrity Board, and SE-1, Inventory of Personally Identifiable Information.

MCEQ doesn’t create or make available new or previously unutilized information about an individual. In terms of reporting – raw data is extracted from MCEQ into MS Excel to calculate quality scores and create trend charts of error types.

2.2a Many systems sift through large amounts of information in response to a user inquiry or programmed functions. Systems may help identify areas that were previously not obvious and need additional research by agents, analysts, or other employees. Some systems perform complex analytical tasks resulting in, among other types of data, matching, relational analysis, scoring, reporting, or pattern analysis. Describe any type of analysis the system conducts and the data that is created from the analysis?

MCEQ doesn't create or make available new or previously unutilized information about an individual. In terms of reporting – raw data is extracted from MCEQ into MS Excel to calculate quality scores and create trend charts of error types.

2.2b If the system creates or makes available new or previously unutilized information about an individual, explain what will be done with the newly derived information. Will it be placed in the individual's existing record? Will a new record be created? Will any action be taken against or for the individual identified because of the newly derived data? If a new record is created, will the newly created information be accessible to Government employees who make determinations about the individual? If so, explain fully under which circumstances and by whom that information will be used.

Veteran Name, Claim ID, Type of Examination, Date Examination Requested, Date Examination Completed, Quality Reviewer Name, Contract Physician Name, Company Name License Number Claim ID, Contract Region- The sole purpose of the information collected and maintained, in MCEQ, is to determine contract vendor quality of medical examinations. The data allows VA to ensure contract compliance and performance measures.

2.3 How is the information in the system secured?

These questions are related to security and privacy controls SC-9, Transmission Confidentiality, and SC-28, Protection of Information at Rest.

2.3a What measures are in place to protect data in transit and at rest?

MCEQ is accessed via a secured webpage utilizing Single Sign On (SSO) technology. It is housed in a vendor-owned AWS GovCloud, which is FedRAMP-certified and has security controls in place for safeguarding the data stored there. The data exchange will be through a site-to-site encryption having Transmission Layer Security. Salesforce Shield Product provides FIPS 140-2 certified encryption.

2.3b If the system is collecting, processing, or retaining Social Security Numbers, are there additional protections in place to protect SSNs?

SSNs are not collected nor stored in MCEQ.

2.3c How is PII/PHI safeguarded in accordance with OMB Memorandum M-06-15?

MCEQ is accessed via a secured webpage utilizing SSO technology. It is implemented with the required security and privacy controls for Federal information systems and organizations according to NIST SP 800-53 and VA Handbook 6500, Risk Management Framework for VA Information Systems.

Additionally, Privacy Officer, Information System Security Officer, and Information System Owner will be responsible for maintaining all safeguards are put in place to protect PII and other sensitive information.

2.4 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Use of the information.

Describe any types of controls that may be in place to ensure that information is handled in accordance with the uses described above. Example: Describe if training for users of the project covers how to appropriately use information. Describe the disciplinary programs or system controls (i.e. denial of access) that are in place if an individual is inappropriately using the information.

Consider the following FIPPs below to assist in providing a response:

Principle of Transparency: Is the PIA and SORN, if applicable, clear about the uses of the information?

Principle of Use Limitation: Is the use of information contained in the system relevant to the mission of the project?

This question is related to privacy control AR-4, Privacy Monitoring and Auditing, AR-5, Privacy Awareness and Training, and SE-2, Privacy Incident response.

2.4a How is access to the PII determined?

Users are provided access to PII only on a need-to-know basis to execute/ facilitate a work tracking request within the MCEQ application. Profile based settings is applicable to the tool limiting the type of information accessed by individual users. Additionally, the SORN defines the use of the information and how the information is accessed, contained, and stored in the system.

2.4b Are criteria, procedures, controls, and responsibilities regarding access documented?

Access to MCEQ is requested by the employee's supervisor and approved by the system owner through DTC. All users will be required to authenticate to the system with a PIV card and will only have permissions to perform their assigned function. Based upon that function, each user will only have access to information on those participants which are assigned to them by their manager. The system will perform extensive logging to detail all actions taken by a user.

2.4c Does access require manager approval?

Yes, supervisor/manager approval is required for new users accessing MCEQ.

2.4d Is access to the PII being monitored, tracked, or recorded?

Profile-based setting available in Salesforce is leveraged for users accessing MCEQ. User have limited access to PII information captured in the tool and access is monitored using logging details available through Salesforce cloud technology.

2.4e Who is responsible for assuring safeguards for the PII?

Salesforce MCEQ is accessed via a secured webpage utilizing SSO technology. MCEQ is housed in a vendor-owned AWS GovCloud, which is FedRAMP-certified and has security controls in place for safeguarding the data stored there. Accessibility to data is granted based on the permission sets and profile-based settings is applied based on FedRAMP Salesforce Gov Cloud Plus platform. Account creation is managed and offered through VA via two factor authentication (2FA) Personal Identity Verification (PIV) card and/or Access VA. Single Sign On external (SSOe) is used to provide credential access to VA modules/communities residing in the Salesforce application, the determinant of access is organizational affiliation rather than personal identity. For some module(s) the required organizational e-mail confirmation and multi-factor authentication (MFA) will be enforced (IAL1), but no identity proofing (IAL2) and vice versa. The managers will reject any applications from individuals who do not work with them, do not require access, or are not using the correct e-mail address.

Additionally, the MCEQ Privacy Officer, Information System Security Officer, and Information System Owner will be responsible for maintaining all safeguards are put in place to protect PII and other sensitive information.

Section 3. Retention of Information

The following questions are intended to outline how long information will be retained after the initial collection.

3.1 What information is retained?

*Identify and list all information collected from question 1.1 that is **retained** by the system. This question is related to privacy controls DM-1, Minimization of Personally Identifiable Information, and DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal*

- Claim ID (not file number)
- Veteran Name
- Name of quality reviewer (VA employee)
- Type of examination being reviewed (Disability Benefits Questionnaire or DBQ is the name for examinations)
- MDEO contract region
- MDEO contract vendor company name
- Date the medical disability examination was completed
- Date the medical disability examination was requested by VA
- First and last name of contract physician that performed the medical disability examination
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3.2 How long is information retained?

*In some cases, VA may choose to retain files in active status and archive them after a certain period of time. State active file retention periods, as well as archived records, in number of years, for the information and record types. For example, financial data held within your system may have a different retention period than medical records or education records held within your system, please be sure to list each of these retention periods. **The VA records officer should be consulted early in the development process to ensure that appropriate retention and destruction schedules are implemented.** If the system is using cloud technology, will it be following the NARA approved retention length and schedule? This question is related to privacy control DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal.*

Data within MCEQ will be retained until MDEO authorizes that it be removed. The data within MCEQ is considered acquisition/contract data – and is required to be retained for legal reasons.

3.3 Has the retention schedule been approved by the VA records office and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)?

An approved records schedule must be obtained for any IT system that allows the retrieval of a record via a personal identifier. The VA records officer will assist in providing a proposed schedule. The schedule must be formally offered to NARA for official approval. Once NARA approves the proposed schedule, the VA records officer will notify the system owner. Please work with the system Privacy Officer and VA Records Officer to answer these questions.

This question is related to privacy control DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal.

Data within MCEQ will be retained until MDEO authorizes that it be removed. The data within MCEQ is considered acquisition/contract data – and is required to be retained for legal reasons.

3.3a Are all records stored within the system of record indicated on an approved disposition authority?

No – MDEO will determine the retention period. Records shall not be removed or destroyed.

3.3b Please indicate each records retention schedule, series, and disposition authority?

MDEO does not want a destruction or removal of data schedule. Removal of information will be an MDEO decision as there are contractual implications.

3.4 What are the procedures for the elimination or transfer of SPI?

Explain how records are destroyed, eliminated or transferred to NARA at the end of their mandatory retention period. Please give the details of the process. For example, are paper records shredded on site, or by a shredding company and accompanied by a certificate of destruction, etc.? This question is related to privacy control DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal.

All records will be electronic and the details of their disposal will be documented within the SORN and should also be recorded as part of the Software As A Service (SAAS) documentation/contract. [2022-09377.pdf \(govinfo.gov\)](#) SORN #: 170VA22 Citation: 78 FR 12423 Hyperlink to Federal Register: 170VA22 System Title: Principles of Excellence Centralized Compliant System – VA

Records/digital information will be eliminated following the sanitization procedures in VA Handbook 6300.1 Records Management Procedures and VA Directive 6500 VA Cybersecurity Program.

3.5 Does the system, where feasible, use techniques to minimize the risk to privacy by using PII for research, testing, or training?

Organizations often use PII for testing new applications or information systems prior to deployment. Organizations also use PII for research purposes and for training. These uses of PII increase the risks associated with the unauthorized disclosure or misuse of the information. Please explain what controls have been implemented to protect PII used for testing, training and research. This question is related to privacy control DM-3, Minimization of PII Used in Testing, Training and Research.

The lower development environments for Salesforce do not allow the use of PII. Because MCEQ does not have any validation against other VA systems of record, real Veteran data is not required to test the functionality of the system. Training for users is done in the lower environments and test data is used. All data stays within the system and is only accessed by staff members that have been given permission.

Users accessing the tool would have to undergo basic Privacy training such as, Privacy and Information Security Awareness and Rules of Behavior and information security training annually.

3.6 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Retention of information

Discuss the risks associated with the length of time data is retained and what steps, if any, are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks. (Work with your System ISSO to complete all Privacy Risk questions inside the document this section).

While we understand that establishing retention periods for records is a formal process, there are policy considerations behind how long a project keeps information. The longer a project retains information, the longer it needs to secure the information and assure its accuracy and integrity. The proposed schedule should match the requirements of the Privacy Act to keep the minimum amount of PII for the minimum amount of time, while meeting the Federal Records Act. The schedule should align with the stated purpose and mission of the system.

Consider the following FIPPs below to assist in providing a response:

Principle of Minimization: *Does the project retain only the information necessary for its purpose? Is the PII retained only for as long as necessary and relevant to fulfill the specified purposes?*

Principle of Data Quality and Integrity: *Has the PIA described policies and procedures for how PII that is no longer relevant and necessary is purged?*

This question is related to privacy controls DM-1, Minimization of Personally Identifiable Information, and DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal.

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk: The retention of data pertaining to medical disability examinations until MDEO determines the data is no longer required to be retained is at risk of exposure to unauthorized disclosure.

Mitigation: The Salesforce Government Cloud requires all access utilize a PIV card while also logged onto the VA network through secure sites essentially a 2-factor authentication process. All VA employees accessing the system have had full background checks. In order to limit PII, MCEQ uses claim IDs rather than claim numbers (there has to be some type of identifier that can be searched in VBMS).

Longer retention times are at risk of unauthorized exposure. All data at rest within the SFGCP security boundary is encrypted in accordance with FIPS 140-2, as well as protected by FedRAMP certified “HIGH” security controls. Use of FedRAMP HIGH controls implemented under the FedRAMP ATO. Collectively, these controls within the SFGCP security boundary provide maximum protection to all VA Salesforce data.

Section 4. Internal Sharing/Receiving/Transmitting and Disclosure

The following questions are intended to define the scope of information sharing/receiving/transmitting within VA.

4.1 With which internal organizations is information shared/received/transmitted? What information is shared/received/transmitted, and for what purpose? How is the information transmitted?

NOTE: Question 3.9 (second table) on Privacy Threshold Analysis should be used to answer this question.

Identify and list the names of any program offices, contractor-supported IT systems, and any other organization or IT system within VA with which information is shared.

State the purpose for the internal sharing. If you have specific authority to share the information, provide a citation to the authority.

For each interface with a system outside your program office, state what specific data elements (PII/PHI) are shared with the specific program office, contractor-supported IT system, and any other organization or IT system within VA.

Describe how the information is transmitted. For example, is the information transmitted electronically, by paper, or by some other means? Is the information shared in bulk, on a case-by-case basis, or does the sharing partner have direct access to the information?

This question is related to privacy controls AP-2, Purpose Specification, AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers, AR-8, Accounting of Disclosures, TR-1, Privacy Notice, and UL-1, Internal Use.

Data Shared with Internal Organizations

List the Program Office or IT System information is shared/received with	List the purpose of the information being shared /received with the specified program office or IT system	List the specific PII/PHI data elements that are processed (shared/received/transmitted) with the Program Office or IT system	Describe the method of transmittal
EDW Excel Data File containing DBQs	Quality Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Claim ID (not file number), ➤ Veteran Name, ➤ Name of quality reviewer (VA employee), ➤ Type of examination being reviewed (Disability Benefits Questionnaire or DBQ is the name for examinations), ➤ MDE contract region, ➤ MDE contract vendor company name, 	MuleSoft site-to-site encryption

<i>List the Program Office or IT System information is shared/received with</i>	<i>List the purpose of the information being shared /received with the specified program office or IT system</i>	<i>List the specific PII/PHI data elements that are processed (shared/received/transmitted) with the Program Office or IT system</i>	<i>Describe the method of transmittal</i>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Date examination was completed, ➤ Date examination was requested by VA, ➤ First and last name of contract physician that performed the medical disability examination, ➤ License number and/or National Provider Identification number of contract physician that performed the medical disability examination, ➤ Yes/No/N/A responses and comments associated with the 13 quality review questions that are part of the checklist 	

4.2 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Internal sharing and disclosure

Discuss the privacy risks associated with the sharing of information within the Department and what steps, if any, are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks. (Work with your System ISSO to complete all Privacy Risk questions inside the document this section).

This question is related to privacy control UL-1, Internal Use.

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk: MCEQ does not share PII with any other VA IT systems. Internal to MCEQ, the information locked down the MDEO Quality team. The risk is that a bad actor could send the Veteran name and Claim ID outside of MDEO and MCEQ for unauthorized uses.

Mitigation: MCEQ does not share PII with any other VA IT systems. Internal to MCEQ, the information locked down the MDEO Quality team. Information is sent to IT Service Now provider via a SNOW ticket for upload into MCEQ. Information is deleted from local computer after submission of SNOW ticket.

Section 5. External Sharing/Receiving and Disclosure

The following questions are intended to define the content, scope, and authority for information sharing external to VA, which includes Federal, State, and local governments, and the private sector.

5.1 With which external organizations (outside VA) is information shared/received? What information is shared/received, and for what purpose? How is the information transmitted and what measures are taken to ensure it is secure?

Is the sharing of information outside the agency compatible with the original collection? If so, is it covered by an appropriate routine use in a SORN? If not, please describe under what legal mechanism the IT system is allowed to share the information in identifiable form or personally identifiable information outside of VA.

NOTE: Question 3.10 on Privacy Threshold Analysis should be used to answer this question.

Identify and list the names of any Federal, State, or local government agency or private sector organization with which information is shared.

For each interface with a system outside VA, state what specific data elements (PII/PHI) are shared with each specific partner.

What legal mechanisms, authoritative agreements, documentation, or policies are in place detailing the extent of the sharing and the duties of each party? For example, is the sharing of data compatible with your SORN? Then list the SORN and the applicable routine use from the SORN. Is there a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Computer Matching Agreement (CMA), or law that mandates the sharing of this information?

Describe how the information is transmitted to entities external to VA and what security measures have been taken to protect it during transmission.

This question is related to privacy control UL-2, Information Sharing with Third Parties

Data Shared with External Organizations

<i>List External Program Office or IT System information is shared/received with</i>	<i>List the purpose of information being shared / received / transmitted with the specified program office or IT system</i>	<i>List the specific PII/PHI data elements that are processed (shared/received/transmitted)with the Program or IT system</i>	<i>List the legal authority, binding agreement, SORN routine use, etc. that permit external sharing (can be more than one)</i>	<i>List the method of transmission and the measures in place to secure data</i>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

5.2 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: External sharing and disclosure

Discuss the privacy risks associated with the sharing of information outside the Department and what steps, if any, are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks.

If no External Sharing listed on the table above, (State there is no external sharing in both the risk and mitigation fields).

Discuss whether access controls have been implemented and whether audit logs are regularly reviewed to ensure appropriate sharing outside of the Department. For example, is there a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), contract, or agreement in place with outside agencies or foreign governments.

Discuss how the sharing of information outside of the Department is compatible with the stated purpose and use of the original collection.

This question is related to privacy control AR-2, Privacy Impact and Risk Assessment, AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers, and AR-4, Privacy Monitoring and Auditing

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk: Data is not shared externally

Mitigation: Data is not shared externally

Section 6. Notice

The following questions are directed at providing notice to the individual of the scope of information collected, the right to consent to uses of the information, and the right to decline to provide information.

6.1 Was notice provided to the individual before collection of the information? If yes, please provide a copy of the notice as an Appendix-A 6.1 on the last page of the document. Also provide notice given to individuals by the source system (A notice may include a posted privacy policy, a Privacy Act notice on forms, or a system of records notice published in the Federal Register.) If notice was not provided, why not?

These questions are related to privacy control TR-1, Privacy Notice, and TR-2, System of Records Notices and Privacy Act Statements, and TR-3, Dissemination of Privacy Program Information.

6.1a This question is directed at the notice provided before collection of the information. This refers to whether the person is aware that his or her information is going to be collected. A notice may include a posted privacy policy, a Privacy Act statement on forms, or a SORN published in the Federal Register, Notice of Privacy Practice provided to individuals for VHA systems. If notice was provided in the Federal Register, provide the citation.

The following SORN covers MCEQ: SORN #: 170VA22

Privacy notice is provided prior to submission of the form. There is a link to the privacy policy and a checkbox next to it that must be selected before submitting the form. This link provides specific information on the Privacy Policy.

6.1b If notice was not provided, explain why. If it was provided, attach a copy of the current notice.

Not Applicable for MCEQ. Please see section 6.1a response. Notice was provided.

6.1c Describe how the notice provided for the collection of information is adequate to inform those affected by the system that their information has been collected and is being used appropriately. Provide information on any notice provided on forms or on Web sites associated with the collection.

Veterans are notified when contacted for medical disability examination services. Privacy notice is provided prior to submission of the form. There is a link to the privacy policy and a checkbox next to it that must be selected before submitting the form. This link provides specific information on the Privacy Policy.

6.2 Do individuals have the opportunity and right to decline to provide information? If so, is a penalty or denial of service attached?

This question is directed at whether the person from or about whom information is collected can decline to provide the information and if so, whether a penalty or denial of service is attached. This question is related to privacy control IP-1, Consent, IP-2, Individual Access, and IP-3, Redress.

Not Applicable for MCEQ. The individuals' information is collected for medical disability examinations for claims requested by Veterans.

6.3 Do individuals have the right to consent to particular uses of the information? If so, how does the individual exercise the right?

This question is directed at whether an individual may provide consent for specific uses, or the consent is given to cover all uses (current or potential) of his or her information. If specific consent is required, how would the individual consent to each use? This question is related to privacy control IP-1, Consent.

Not Applicable for MCEQ. The individuals' information is collected for medical disability examinations for claims requested by Veterans. Veterans submitting claims are provided information on how medical disability exams support the claims process.

6.4 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Notice

Describe the potential risks associated with potentially insufficient notice and what steps, if any, are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks. (Work with your System ISSO to complete all Privacy Risk questions inside the document this section).

Consider the following FIPPs below to assist in providing a response:

Principle of Transparency: *Has sufficient notice been provided to the individual?*

Principle of Use Limitation: *Is the information used only for the purpose for which notice was provided either directly to the individual or through a public notice? What procedures are in place to ensure that information is used only for the purpose articulated in the notice?*

This question is related to privacy control TR-1, Privacy Notice, AR-2, Privacy Impact and Risk Assessment, and UL-1, Internal Use.

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk: Risk is associated with Veteran being unaware their information is being shared and stored within MCEQ.

Mitigation: Veterans are informed by the MDE Vendor that their information is shared within the VA to support their claim through correspondence between the vendor and the Veteran. This is not the system of record for the Veterans benefit determination.

Section 7. Access, Redress, and Correction

The following questions are directed at an individual's ability to ensure the accuracy of the information collected about him or her.

7.1 What are the procedures that allow individuals to gain access to their information?

These questions are related to privacy control IP-2, Individual Access, and AR-8, Accounting of Disclosures.

This is not applicable for MCEQ. MCEQ is an internal VA system used to conduct quality assessments on medical disability examinations.

*7.1a Cite any procedures or regulations your program has in place that allow access to information. These procedures, at a minimum, should include the agency's FOIA/Privacy Act practices, but may also include additional access provisions. **For example, if your program has a customer satisfaction unit, that information, along with phone and email contact information, should be listed in this section in addition to the agency's procedures. See 5 CFR 294 and the VA FOIA Web***

page at <http://www.foia.va.gov/> to obtain information about FOIA points of contact and information about agency FOIA processes.

MCEQ is an internal VA system used to conduct quality assessments on medical disability examinations. Access is requested through DTC and authorized by MDEO.

7.1b If the system is exempt from the access provisions of the Privacy Act, please explain the basis for the exemption or cite the source where this explanation may be found, for example, a Final Rule published in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)?

MCEQ is not exempt from the Privacy Act.

7.1c If the system is not a Privacy Act system, please explain what procedures and regulations are in place that covers an individual gaining access to his or her information?

Veterans do not have access to the information in MCEQ. The system of record for medical disability examination is VBMS EMS.

7.2 What are the procedures for correcting inaccurate or erroneous information?

Describe the procedures and provide contact information for the appropriate person to whom such issues should be addressed? If the correction procedures are the same as those given in question 7.1, state as much. This question is related to privacy control IP-3, Redress, and IP-4, Complaint Management.

Inaccurate or erroneous information typically involves mis-identification of the contract vendor or type of examination conducted. When this is discovered by an MDEO Quality Reviewer, the record is “deselected” from the quality sample within MCEQ.

7.3 How are individuals notified of the procedures for correcting their information?

How are individuals made aware of the procedures for correcting his or her information? This may be through notice at collection or other similar means. This question is meant to address the risk that even if procedures exist to correct information, if an individual is not made fully aware of the existence of those procedures, then the benefits of the procedures are significantly weakened. This question is related to privacy control IP-3, Redress, and IP-4, Complaint Management.

If PII is incorrect in MCEQ, then it is incorrect in the VA database as MCEQ is a copy of VA information. Therefore, the individual would contact VA for correction. Any incorrect PII in MCEQ would have no impact on the Veteran or benefits. The data is used solely for quality review purposes.

7.4 If no formal redress is provided, what alternatives are available to the individual?

*Redress is the process by which an individual gains access to his or her records and seeks corrections or amendments to those records. Redress may be provided through the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and also by other processes specific to a program, system, or group of systems. **Example: Some projects allow users to directly access and correct/update their information online. This helps ensure data accuracy.***

This question is related to privacy control IP-3, Redress, and IP-4, Complaint Management.

No formal redress is available other than through the VA Privacy Office.

7.5 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Access, redress, and correction

Discuss what risks there currently are related to the Department’s access, redress, and correction policies and procedures for this system and what, if any, steps have been taken to mitigate those

risks. For example, if a project does not allow individual access, the risk of inaccurate data needs to be discussed in light of the purpose of the project. For example, providing access to ongoing law enforcement activities could negatively impact the program's effectiveness because the individuals involved might change their behavior. (Work with your System ISSO to complete all Privacy Risk questions inside the document this section).

Consider the following FIPPs below to assist in providing a response:

Principle of Individual Participation: Is the individual provided with the ability to find out whether a project maintains a record relating to him?

Principle of Individual Participation: If access and/or correction is denied, then is the individual provided notice as to why the denial was made and how to challenge such a denial?

Principle of Individual Participation: Is there a mechanism by which an individual is able to prevent information about him obtained for one purpose from being used for other purposes without his knowledge?

This question is related to privacy control IP-3, Redress.

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk: Information collected in MCEQ is used solely for internal quality control for contract exams. The information collected is not used to grant, adjust, or deny benefits and incorrect information contained in the system has no negative impact on the beneficiary. A risk is that the quality of the data could be inaccurate.

Mitigation: There is no risk to the Veteran for their benefits determination. EDW has their own quality control process to ensure the data is accurate.

Section 8. Technical Access and Security

The following questions are intended to describe technical safeguards and security measures.

8.1 What procedures are in place to determine which users may access the system, and are they documented?

These questions are related to privacy control AR-7, Privacy-Enhanced System Design and Development.

8.1a Describe the process by which an individual receives access to the system?

New users submit a request for access through the Digital Transformation Center (DTC). The DTC then assigns the request to the individuals who have admin access to the module and the access is then granted or denied based on the information the user provided. The DTC is then notified of the approval/disapproval and DTC takes action on the request based on the admin's response. Beneficiaries do not have direct access into MCEQ within the Salesforce platform.

8.1b Identify users from other agencies who may have access to the system and under what roles these individuals have access to the system. Who establishes the criteria for what PII can be shared?

DTC VA Contractor support teams possess privileged users responsible for maintaining the system on behalf of the VA. VA role-based security training is required for all privileged users of VA systems. Single sign-on utilizing VA PIV cards and/or Citrix VPN (over contractor laptops and unsecure networks) will be required.

8.1c Describe the different roles in general terms that have been created to provide access to the system? For example, certain users may have "read-only" access while others may be permitted to make certain amendments or changes to the information.

MDEO users have various levels of access for MCEQ depending on their role.

- Quality Analyst role: write and edit results of quality review in MCEQ.
- Manager role: ability to edit and/or approve Quality Analyst result.

8.2 Will VA contractors have access to the system and the PII? If yes, what involvement will contractors have with the design and maintenance of the system? Has a contractor confidentiality agreement, Business Associate Agreement (BAA), or a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) been developed for contractors who work on the system?

If so, how frequently are contracts reviewed and by whom? Describe the necessity of the access provided to contractors to the system and whether clearance is required. If Privacy Roles and Responsibilities have been established to restrict certain users to different access levels, please describe the roles and associated access levels. Explain the need for VA contractors to have access to the PII. This question is related to privacy control AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors, and Service Providers.

Yes, VA program support contractors may be granted access to MCEQ and PII for purposes of contractual work. VA program support contractors are required to complete the Privacy and Information Security Agreement yearly, also known as the Rules of Behavior. Signing the Rules of Behavior ensures proper conduct and management of sensitive information. Details surrounding their credentialing and training for access as the support contractors for the Salesforce platform will have to be provided by OIT.

8.3 Describe what privacy training is provided to users either generally or specifically relevant to the program or system?

VA offers privacy and security training. Each program or system may offer training specific to the program or system that touches on information handling procedures and sensitivity of information. Please describe how individuals who have access to PII are trained to handle it appropriately.

This question is related to privacy control AR-5, Privacy Awareness and Training.

No additional system specific privacy training is provided for end users of MCEQ. All users are required to have the standard VA Privacy Awareness and Cyber Security training within the Talent Management System (TMS).

8.4 Has Authorization and Accreditation (A&A) been completed for the system?

Authorization Dates: 06/05/2019 to 06/04/2020. A short-term ATO Granted. All findings must be remediated or have a documented remediation plan with an updated POA&M.

8.4a If Yes, provide:

1. *The Security Plan Status:* Not Yet Approved
2. *The System Security Plan Status Date:* N/A
3. *The Authorization Status:* Approved
4. *The Authorization Date:* 7/10/2023
5. *The Authorization Termination Date:* 7/10/2026
6. *The Risk Review Completion Date:* 7/10/2023
7. *The FIPS 199 classification of the system (LOW/MODERATE/HIGH):* Moderate

Please note that all systems containing SPI are categorized at a minimum level of “moderate” under Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 199.

*8.4b If No or In Process, provide your **Initial Operating Capability (IOC) date.***

N/A

Section 9 – Technology Usage

The following questions are used to identify the technologies being used by the IT system or project.

9.1 Does the system use cloud technology? If so, what cloud model is being utilized?

If so, Does the system have a FedRAMP provisional or agency authorization? If the system does use cloud technology, but does not have FedRAMP authorization, explain how the Cloud Service Provider (CSP) solution was assessed and what FedRAMP documents and processes were used for the assessment in order to comply with VA Handbook 6517. Types of cloud models include: Software as a Service (SaaS), Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS), Commercial off the Shelf (COTS), Desktop as a Service (DaaS), Mobile Backend as a Service (MBaaS), Information Technology Management as a Service (ITMaaS). This question is related to privacy control UL-1, Information Sharing with Third Parties.

Note: For systems utilizing the VA Enterprise Cloud (VAEC), no further responses are required after 9.1. (Refer to question 3.3.1 of the PTA)

Yes, MCEQ utilizes Salesforce GovCloud Plus. Salesforce Government Cloud Plus is hosted in the AWS GovCloud. The Salesforce Government Cloud Plus (SFGCP-E) is built on the underlying Salesforce Force.com that is hosted in a FedRAMP Certified FISMA High environment which is in the Amazon Web Services (AWS) GovCloud West. This software utilizes the PaaS Service of Salesforce Gov Cloud Plus. MuleSoft middleware integration allows dataflow through different systems.

9.2 Does the contract with the Cloud Service Provider, Contractors and VA customers establish who has ownership rights over data including PII? (Provide contract number and supporting information about PII/PHI from the contract). (Refer to question 3.3.2 of the PTA) This question is related to privacy control AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors, and Service Providers.

Yes, VA has full ownership of the PII that will be shared through the MCEQ platform. Contract agreement “Salesforce Subscription Licenses, Maintenance and Support”, Contract Number: NNG15SD27B.

9.3 Will the CSP collect any ancillary data and if so, who has ownership over the ancillary data?

Per NIST 800-144, cloud providers hold significant details about the accounts of cloud consumers that could be compromised and used in subsequent attacks. Ancillary data also involves information the cloud provider collects or produces about customer-related activity in the cloud. It includes data collected to meter and charge for consumption of resources, logs and audit trails, and other such metadata that is generated and accumulated within the cloud environment.

This question is related to privacy control DI-1, Data Quality.

Ancillary data is not collected by MCEQ. VA has full ownership over the data stored in the VA Lighthouse API support system.

9.4 NIST 800-144 states, “Organizations are ultimately accountable for the security and privacy of data held by a cloud provider on their behalf.” Is this principle described in contracts with customers? Why or why not?

What are the roles and responsibilities involved between the organization and cloud provider, particularly with respect to managing risks and ensuring organizational requirements are met?

This question is related to privacy control AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers.

VA has full authority over data stored in Salesforce

9.5 If the system is utilizing Robotics Process Automation (RPA), please describe the role of the bots.

Robotic Process Automation is the use of software scripts to perform tasks as an automated process that executes in parallel with or in place of human input. For example, will the automation move or touch PII/PHI information. RPA may also be referred to as “Bots” or Artificial Intelligence (AI).

MCEQ does not utilize RPA.

Section 10. References

Summary of Privacy Controls by Family

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ID	Privacy Controls
AP	Authority and Purpose
AP-1	Authority to Collect
AP-2	Purpose Specification
AR	Accountability, Audit, and Risk Management
AR-1	Governance and Privacy Program
AR-2	Privacy Impact and Risk Assessment
AR-3	Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers
AR-4	Privacy Monitoring and Auditing
AR-5	Privacy Awareness and Training
AR-7	Privacy-Enhanced System Design and Development
AR-8	Accounting of Disclosures
DI	Data Quality and Integrity
DI-1	Data Quality
DI-2	Data Integrity and Data Integrity Board
DM	Data Minimization and Retention
DM-1	Minimization of Personally Identifiable Information
DM-2	Data Retention and Disposal
DM-3	Minimization of PII Used in Testing, Training, and Research
IP	Individual Participation and Redress
IP-1	Consent
IP-2	Individual Access
IP-3	Redress
IP-4	Complaint Management
SE	Security
SE-1	Inventory of Personally Identifiable Information
SE-2	Privacy Incident Response
TR	Transparency
TR-1	Privacy Notice
TR-2	System of Records Notices and Privacy Act Statements
TR-3	Dissemination of Privacy Program Information
UL	Use Limitation
UL-1	Internal Use
UL-2	Information Sharing with Third Parties

Signature of Responsible Officials

The individuals below attest that the information they provided in this Privacy Impact Assessment is true and accurate.

Privacy Officer, Lakisha Wright

Information System Security Officer, James Boring

Information System Owner, Michael Domanski

APPENDIX A-6.1

Please provide a link to the notice or verbiage referred to in Section 6 (a notice may include a posted privacy policy; a Privacy Act notice on forms; screen shot of a website collection privacy notice).

HELPFUL LINKS:

General Records Schedule

<https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/grs.html>

National Archives (Federal Records Management):

<https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/grs>

VA Publications:

<https://www.va.gov/vapubs/>

VA Privacy Service Privacy Hub:

<https://dvagov.sharepoint.com/sites/OITPrivacyHub>

Notice of Privacy Practice (NOPP):

[VHA Notice of Privacy Practices](#)

[VHA Handbook 1605.04: Notice of Privacy Practices](#)