



Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) Intake Process

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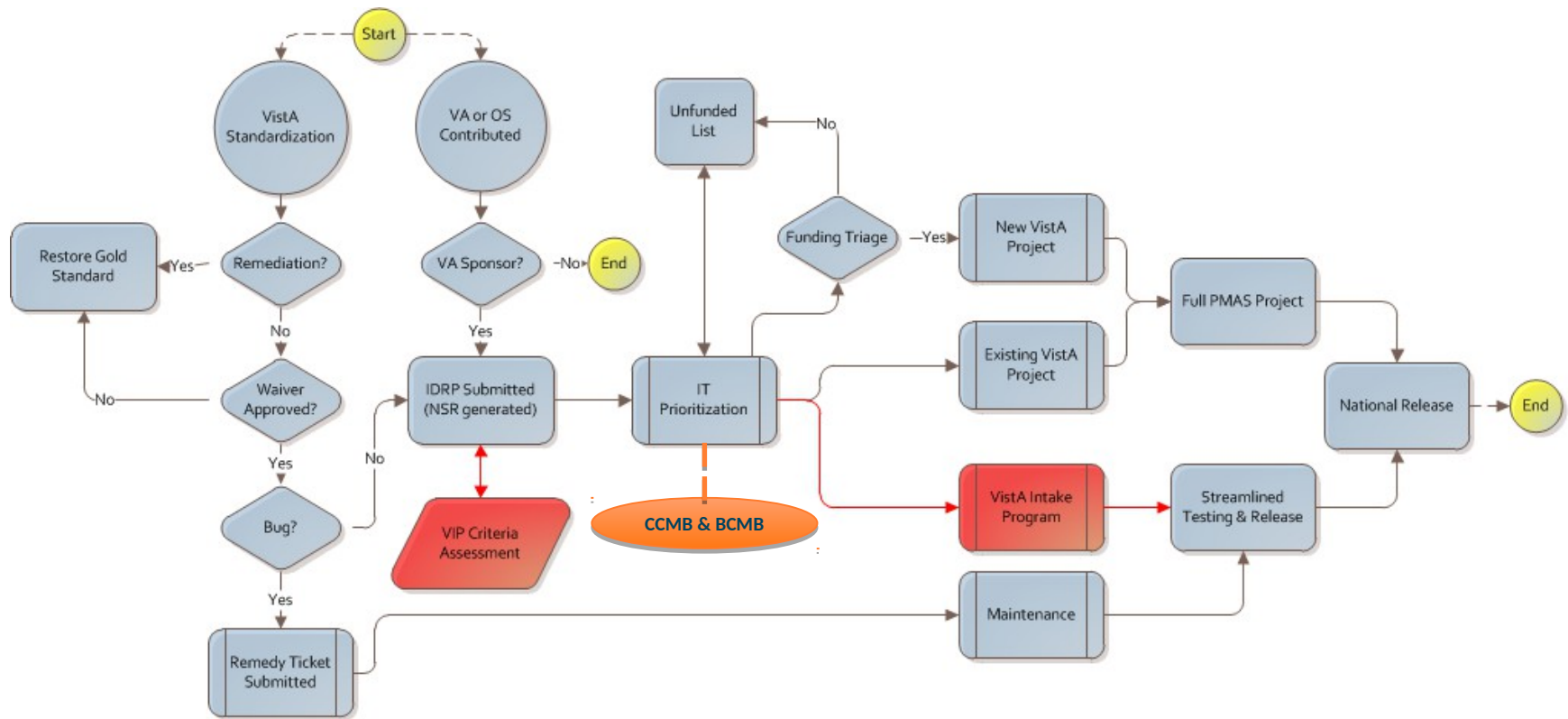
Outline

- What is VA's VistA Intake?
- VistA Intake Paths
- VistA Intake Program (VIP)

VA's VistA Intake?

- What is it?
 - Refers to VA's adoption of **existing software products/code**, including:
 - Open Source Community contributed products
 - VA Class III / Class II code (developed by local medical center staff)
 - Innovations products
 - VistA Standardization
- Why is it important?
 - Critical for VistA Standardization effort
 - Supports VA's VistA Evolution effort
 - Enables VA to become an effective collaborator in the Open Source community
 - Allows VA to take advantage of community contributions

VistA Intake Program - Intake Existing Code



VistA Intake Program

- The VistA Intake Program (VIP) is the technical process of assessing, remediating, testing and releasing existing IT software nationally. VA's goal is to supplement ongoing activities associated with evaluating and advancing field-developed software to a state where it meets national standards and facilitates release for VA-wide use.
- Established October 2014
- Criteria to be a candidate for VIP
 - *Must* be an existing product or modification (code *must* have previously been developed).
 - *Must not* require additional sustainment infrastructure (*must* be added into a product that has an existing sustainment mechanism).
 - *Must* meet all intended functional criteria as is (minor refactoring may be done to assure Enterprise functionality, not to include increased end functionality).
 - Although an intake candidate may satisfy the selection criteria, it may be shown to exceed the size and complexity intended for VIP.

Status of Current Intake Efforts

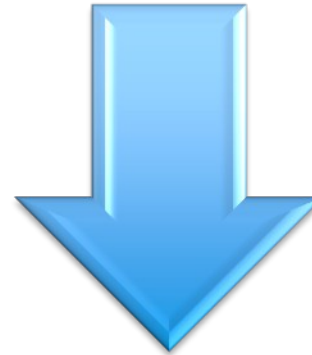
Existing Product Title	Product Originated From	Development	VIP	Released
Truncate SSN on 513 Report	VistA Standardization		✓	✓
Extra Line for Order Comments	VistA Standardization		✓	
TIU Text Alerts	VistA Standardization		✓	
IRT Incomplete Records Tracking Auto-Update	VistA Standardization		✓	
Request for Clinical Procedures Uni-directional Interface Configuration Option	VistA Standardization		✓	
Anatomic Pathology Electronic Signature	VistA Standardization		✓	
Manual Release of Delayed Orders	VistA Standardization		✓	
Use of GIP in Prosthetics	VistA Standardization		✓	
MSC Fileman 22.2	OSEHRA/FLAP/MSC	✓		
Immunizations / ICE	OSEHRA Project Group	✓		
OpenInfobutton	OSEHRA	✓		
HBHC Report - Exclude 3 Phone Call CPT Codes from 'Total Visits by Date Range Report'	VistA Standardization		✓	
Print weight on the Rad/NM order	VistA Standardization		✓	

Streamlining VistA Intake Test/Release Processes

- 5/19/15 - Approval to mirror maintenance processes for VIP candidates



Increase # of Intake Efforts



Decrease PMAS/ProPath overhead

Identifying Open Source Candidates



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Community Nominations for VA VistA Intake Program (VIP)

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Priority	Software Name	Description	OSEHRA Certification	Justification for VA Intake	Review
1	M-Unit	The M-Unit package provides the ability to run unit tests on M code for a program.	Level 4	This package is critical to effective unit testing of M code, and should be deployed in VA as quickly as possible. OIT PD is aware of the package and has confirmed its usefulness. OSEHRA Level 4 certified.	☆☆☆
2	OpenInfoButton	Implements context-aware knowledge retrieval on demand from more than 30 online resources to aid in clinical decision	Level 3	Provide common mechanism for incorporating current peer-reviewed medical research and evidence into clinical decision	☆☆☆

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