



## **The Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER)**

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President Barack Obama, along with Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and VA Secretary Eric Shinseki, announced the Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER) initiative in April 2009 to enhance the continuity of care for our Service men and women by ensuring that electronic records will transition along with them and remain with them forever. VLER will result in increased information available to clinicians and healthcare organizations, which will in turn improve the continuity of services and care for our Service Members and Veterans. Initially, VLER will permit authorized users to share health information and eventually enable sharing of electronic health, benefits and administrative information for Service Members and Veterans. This demonstration will highlight progress being made toward achieving interoperability within the VLER initiative.