

Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support Interface Successfully Goes Live To Army Financial Reporting System



A critical innovation in government health information technology is the General Fund Enterprise Business System, the Army's Web-based enterprise resource planning system for finance, accounting and asset management. When fully deployed with over 79,000 users at nearly 200 Army installations around the world, GFEBS will be one of the world's largest enterprise financial systems, managing more than \$200 billion in spending by the active Army, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserves.

When the Army began planning its deployment of GFEBS in 2008, seamlessly integrating its capabilities with the award-winning Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support application was a vital requirement. DMLSS is a tri-service application that standardizes and automates medical logistics functions and helps reduce the time providers and healthcare professionals spend on logistics activities. Using DMLSS, medical logisticians, planners, and practitioners can quickly identify and order critical medical supplies needed for patient treatment. DMLSS also retains medical and facilities maintenance records and work order histories for medical equipment. Handling over \$5.5 billion dollars in customer transactions, DMLSS is used at military treatment facilities and clinics within the Military Health System.

A team of subject matter experts met regularly to build the GFEBS-DMLSS interface. Their hard work and planning was rewarded with the recent successful release of DMLSS 3.1.1.0 with the GFEBS-DMLSS interface at Martin Army Community Hospital at Fort Benning, Ga. This interface combines the best of both in financial and supply chain reporting. While DMLSS gives customers the tools to select, purchase, and receive critical medical supplies and pharmaceuticals, GFEBS automates the crucial financial business processes necessary to complete the purchasing process. The interface streamlines the entire ordering and payment process resulting in increased efficiency and improved decision making. The interface also integrates specific processes crucial to logistics and financial and asset management including:

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DHSS Products to Be Featured at HIMSS 2010



Several DHSS products are featured in the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society international conference in Atlanta, Ga., Mar.1-4. The following DHSS products will be exhibited: the Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support, DMLSS Customer Assistance Module, Joint Medical Asset Repository, Patient Movement Items Tracking System, Defense

Occupational and Environmental Health-Industrial Hygiene, ESSENCE Medical Surveillance, Patient Safety Reporting, TRICARE Online, Medical Product Databank, MHS Management Analysis & Reporting, Clinical Data Mart, MHS Insight and MHS Learn. The DoD/MHS Exhibit is in booth #3107, Exhibit Hall C of the Georgia World Conference Center.

DHSS products are also featured in three HIMSS educational sessions. On Monday Mar. 1 at 12:15 p.m., “Enhancing Defense Medical Logistics Activities Using Radio Frequency Identification,” will be presented by U.S. Army Colonel Chris Harrington, RFID Project Manager Garry Duvall, and PMITS Project Manager Ernest Spain. This session reveals how the DoD is using RFID technology to increase efficiencies in medical materiel receipt processing times, asset tracking, and improved worldwide visibility of critical care assets to support wounded warriors.

On Tuesday, Mar. 2, 2:15 p.m., Dr. Kenneth Cox will present, “Department of Defense ESSENCE—Building a Better Public Health Surveillance Mousetrap.” Dr. Cox, a special consultant to the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center, describes the DoD’s and ESSENCE’s near-real-time, integrated and global approach to health surveillance to identify and characterize outbreaks like H1N1, sooner and more accurately.

On Thursday, Mar. 4, at 11:15 a.m. U.S. Army Colonel Thomas Greig presents “MHS Patient Portal – Leveraging and Growing TRICARE Online to Support Personalized Health.” Col. Greig, Director, Clinical Informatics and Accession Medical Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, reports on TOL’s development from concept to reality, explores the MHS clinical community’s vision for its patient portal, and discusses the strategy being used to achieve this vision.

All three DHSS presentations are scheduled to be held in Room C101 of the Convention Center. For additional information on HIMSS please click onto <http://www.himssconference.org/>.

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- Purchase request authorization;
- Purchase order creation and authorization;
- Capital inventory updates and status reporting;
- Cost reallocations/journal entry updates;
- Inventory sales reporting; and
- Work break down structure execution allowing transmission of external Army customer funds to DMLSS for project activities.

GFEBs was created in compliance with the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act which calls for efficiencies in the government's collection and reporting of financial information for decision making. As other military branches launch enterprise resource planning systems in compliance with FFMA, the DMLSS team is confident the process of integrating those systems into DMLSS will be seamless. The GFEBs-DMLSS interface was designed and built to be technologically adaptable to multiple enterprise resource planning tools and uses a common set of financial data elements as required by the Department of Defense's Standard Financial Information Structure implementation policy.

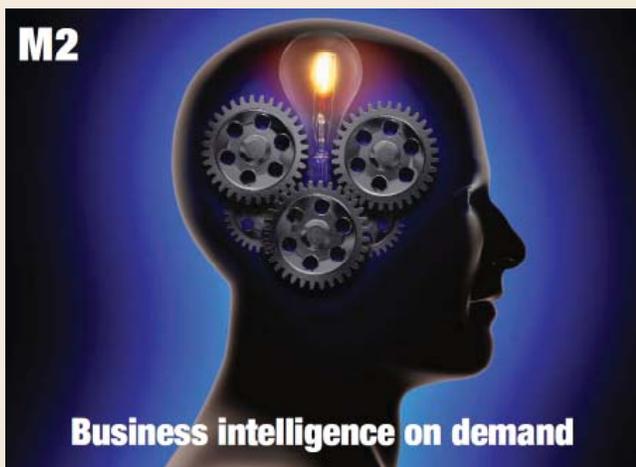
"Our goal was to make the process of ordering supplies and payments as user friendly as possible" said DMLSS Financial Analyst Pat Moshier, a member of the GFEBs-DMLSS Interface Integrated Product Team. "As a team, we worked through these complex processes to create a flexible, efficient, and adaptable solution and we're happy to report it works."

M2 Wisdom Training Schedule Released

The latest WISDOM training schedule for users of the Management Analysis and Reporting tool is now available. WISDOM training gives in-depth guidance to Military Healthcare System managers, data analysts and policy makers in the use of MHS data for management decisions and to achieve corporate goals. Using a mixture of instructive briefings and hands-on exercises, WISDOM gives users the tools needed to accomplish data-driven decision-making, a key to successful organizational performance.

The week-long course focuses on the widespread availability of corporate data in M2 for improved MHS operations and features the following components:

- The exact process for making sound, data-driven decisions in MHS operations;
- Instruction in how to use Business Objects to access M2 data;
- A thorough introduction to major categories of MHS data, its uses and limitations and;
- Selected analytical techniques and their application using Microsoft Excel.



The following schedule shows WISDOM courses with available openings:

- March 15-19, 2010 in San Antonio, Texas
- April 19-23, 2010, at in Falls Church, Va.
- May 10-14, 2010, in San Antonio, Texas

Classes fill quickly so to apply for an opening or to submit additional questions, please e-mail WISDOM@sra.com. Additional detailed information about WISDOM training is available by clicking onto this link <http://www.tricare.mil/ocfo/bea/wisdom.cfm>.

DHSS Applications Continue To Be Used To Support Haiti Relief Efforts

Several DHSS applications continue to be used in support of Haiti relief efforts. To quickly fill requests, the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia is using two DMLSS-Wholesale applications, the Contingency Automation Application and the Medical Product Databank.

To expedite supply support, the Joint Medical Logistics Functional Development Center staff created an extract from Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support containing a subset of Kelly USA catalog supply items most likely to be ordered for Haiti relief. The JMLFDC staff is also developing and testing order process flows for Army DMLSS Customer Assistance Module customers using the Air Force DMLSS server at Kelly USA. For the latest information on military medical relief efforts in Haiti, log onto www.health.mil.

DHSS Moves Closer to Historic Milestone in TRICARE Encounter Data Records Processing

The TRICARE Encounter Data Records processing, built and maintained by the DHSS Resources Division, is projected to reach a significant milestone in May, the processing of its one billionth record. TED records processing verifies and tracks billions of dollars annually in purchased care claims and encounter data for the Military Health System. Rapid data record processing helps purchased care providers get paid promptly for their services.

Since 2004, TED has processed nearly \$140 billion of purchased care transactions in support of the 9.6 million TRICARE beneficiaries worldwide. On average, and in typically less than four hours, TED processes between 700,000 to two million medical claims records per day. In addition to rapid processing, TED records save the government millions of dollars each year by preventing payment for duplicate, fraudulent or erroneous claims. In fiscal year 2009, TED processed 189.5 million records for TRICARE representing \$22.3 billion dollars in paid claims.



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