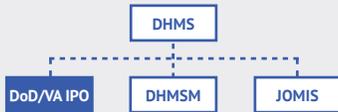




Department of Defense/Department of Veterans Affairs Interagency Program Office



The mission of the Department of Defense (DoD)/ Veterans Affairs (VA) Interagency Program Office (IPO) is to lead and coordinate the adoption of and contribution to national health data standards to ensure interoperability among DoD, VA, and private sector healthcare worldwide.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

DoD/VA IPO defines interoperability as the ability of two or more systems or components to exchange information and to use the information that has been exchanged. This program jointly oversees and monitors the efforts of DoD and VA to implement national health data standards for interoperability and acts as the single point of accountability for identifying, monitoring, and approving the clinical and technical data standards and profiles. DoD/VA IPO ensures seamless integration of health data between the two Departments and private healthcare providers. It closely collaborates with the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), Standards Development Organizations (SDOs), and other public and private partners to support national interoperability efforts.

VALUE OF INTEROPERABILITY



KEY FEATURES

- Creates seamless integration of DoD, VA, and private sector healthcare data to achieve improved joint visibility of health status for service members and veterans
- Provides technical direction that enables the DoD and VA to successfully execute health information exchanges that support the flow of actionable data
- Supports national interoperability efforts by closely collaborating with ONC, SDOs, and other public and private partners

KEY BENEFITS

- Oversees and monitors the effectiveness of DoD and VA progress in achieving cross-organizational health interoperability
- Encourages and enables collaboration across DoD and VA by serving as a central resource for modernization and interoperability
- Assesses, updates, and maintains a technical framework that is clinically driven to align identified standards with approved and emerging use cases
- Serves as a conduit for DoD and VA engagement with ONC, federal partners, SDOs, and industry to facilitate secure knowledge sharing and mature data, standards, and interoperability on the national and international level
- Monitors best practices and provides technical guidance to facilitate interoperability and knowledge sharing to improve DoD and VA awareness of emerging technologies and innovations

