

**STATEMENT OF  
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS,  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION**

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Thank you Chairwoman Lee, Ranking Member Banks, and distinguished members of the committee. My name is Travis Dalton, President of Cerner Government Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to be here, and for your continued engagement and support of the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM) program.

Cerner is honored to be part of a shared mission to ensure a lifetime of seamless care for our Veterans, Service members and their families.

Transformation at scale is hard. It carries risks and we don't take the challenges lightly. We must deploy to over 1,700 sites, train over 300,000 VA employees, collaborate with DoD to make decisions and interoperate with community providers. Those challenges also represent opportunities.

Under VA's leadership, we have made significant strides on our journey to transform care. We have incorporated commercial practices, lessons learned from DoD, and VA provider-led feedback to ensure user adoption and readiness to meet Veteran needs. We are pleased with our progress.

- VA has come together to establish standardized workflows and designs based on the work of 18 clinical councils, comprised of thousands of providers across VA, and 8 National workshops. This enterprise standardization is a monumental achievement.
- We launched VITAL, a training series to empower super users with the technical and change management skills needed to support the EHR implementation and ongoing success.
- We have migrated 23.5M Veterans health records into the VA environment. This is the first time that historical VA and DoD health data are in the same system.

In the coming months, we will implement a new joint Health Information Exchange (HIE) that will allow interoperable information sharing across VA, DoD and community providers connected to the network. Incredible progress is being made.

We are supportive of the revised go-live schedule and the decision to take additional time for testing and end-user training. We heard the advice from this committee to take the time to get it right and listened to the provider community. The additional time will allow us the opportunity to ensure a successful go-live at Mann-Grandstaff.

This program is truly transformational. By moving from 130 disparate systems to one open, modern, integrated system, we will have the right data, at the right place and time to drive outcomes. We also have access to advanced analytics that will give us the opportunity to better diagnose, treat and prevent chronic diseases; environmental exposures; suicide and PTSD; and opioid abuse.

Healthcare's highest calling is caring for the men and women who sacrificed in service to our country. Every day we are energized by the passion and commitment in pursuit of this common purpose. On behalf of Cerner, we are humbled and proud to be a part of this effort.

Thank you and I look forward to our discussion today.