The Coast Guard has begun the service obtaingment of MHS GENESIS, the new electronic health record for the Military Health System. MHS GENESIS will provide enhanced, secure technology to manage health information of the 50,000-member workforce.

Once fully implemented, MHS GENESIS will provide a single health care record for Coast Guard active and reserve duty service members. The solution will connect medical and dental information from point of injury to the military treatment facility, including Coast Guard clinics and sickbays. The patient portal will allow Coast Guard personnel to view health information online (including records, notes from visits, and certain lab test results), make appointments and exchange messages with a provider.

The Coast Guard is collaborating with the Department of Defense’s (DOD) acquisition of MHS GENESIS to ensure interoperability and continuity of care across the DOD and the Department of Veterans Administration.

The estimated date for “go-live” at the pilot sites is August 2020.

The eHRa Program has segmented the acquisition into three distinct segments: A, B, and C. Segment “A” begins with delivery of MHS GENESIS to all pilot sites. Once testing is complete, the program will begin roll-out of the system to all ashore clinics and sickbays. Deployment will occur in two waves: Pacific and Atlantic. Segment “A” is scheduled for completion by the end of fiscal year 2021.

Segment “B” will accomplish the uploading and transitioning away from paper records and integration of “x-ray” radiology capabilities, along with peripherals and preferred devices. Segment “B” is scheduled for completion by the end of fiscal year 2023. Coast Guard personnel can continue to use their paper records throughout this time period.

Segment “C,” cutter deployment, is still being determined via alignment with Defense Health Agency plans for deploying MHS GENESIS to the DOD afloat commands.

FEATURES
- Improved usability
- Reliability
- Reduction of clinical errors
- Increased accessibility
- Interoperability between agencies
- Patient Portal

CURRENT STATUS
The electronic health records acquisition (eHRa) program office (CG-933) is working with Defense Healthcare Management Systems Modernization (DHMSM) to develop schedules for deployment, accomplish testing of equipment and the system, implement change management and schedule training for Coast Guard staff at clinics and sickbays. By partnering with DHMSM the Coast Guard is gaining valuable lessons learned, best practices, and saving time and resources.

In September 2019, the Defense Health Agency awarded a task order to Leidos Partnership for Defense Health to deploy MHS GENESIS capabilities to four Coast Guard Pacific area (PACAREA) pilot sites. This was in coordination with DOD which has already achieved initial operational capability in the Pacific Northwest. The four PACAREA pilot sites are:
- Training Center Petaluma Clinic
- Base Alameda Clinic
- Air Station Sacramento Clinic
- Maritime Safety and Security Team 91105 San Francisco Sickbay