**Veterans Choice Program Community Provider Portal**

**VHA Community Care User Guide**



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**1.1. Purpose**

# Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to familiarize users with the important features and navigational elements of the Veterans Choice Program (VCP) Community Provider Portal (CPP).

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This manual uses several methods to highlight different aspects of the material. Descriptive text is presented in a proportional font (as represented by this font).

User's responses to online prompts (e.g., manual entry, clicks, etc.) will be **boldface** type.

# System Summary

The Community Provider Portal (CPP) is a web-based system that facilitates interactions between employees in the VHA’s Community Care department and Community Care Providers outside the VHA. The system is designed to improve the data gathering, documentation continuity, and workflow efforts for of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Community Provider referral process.

The system:

* Creates a mechanism to enable the direct relationship between the VHA and Community Care Providers (i.e. Providers outside the VHA) so that VHA can develop a new network of Providers in accordance with the tenets set forth in the Veteran’s Choice Act (i.e. VACAA)
* Implements a consistent user experience for Community Care Providers interacting with the VHA
* Increases the flow of content and relevant care information between Community Care Providers and the VHA
* Provides information via the web that encourages the use of a lower-cost distribution channel and reduces the administrative burden of the VHA back-office administration staff
* Improves the consistency and format of the content and the information transmitted between Community Care Providers and VHA
* Integrates with and Data Access Service (DAS). In the future, CPP will also integrate with Veterans Benefits Management System (VBMS), VISTa, VISTa Imaging, Fee Basis Claims System (FBCS), Community Provider Profile system (CPP), and Contract Payment and Reporting Module (CPRM).

## System Configuration

CPP users require a computer that provides access to the VA network, as well as, login credentials (typically a VA user name, password and PIV card).

## Data Flows

Once CPP is integrated with other systems, this section will contain a high-level, diagram showing how CPP integrates with other systems in the community care referral process.

## User Roles

User roles are defined as responsibilities or privileges for various users of the system and are associated with an action that can be performed within the CPP system. CPP implements internal functionality by determining if a user has the responsibility or privilege to perform a certain action based on that user’s role(s).

## User Access Levels

CUI provides 3 user roles associated with specific privileges, as well as, an Application Administrator user role with admin privileges. For all user roles, a user’s privileges define the features of the system that a user can access—and how elements in those areas appear—as well as the operations a user can perform within those areas. The following table provides more details.

**Table 1. User Roles and Privileges**

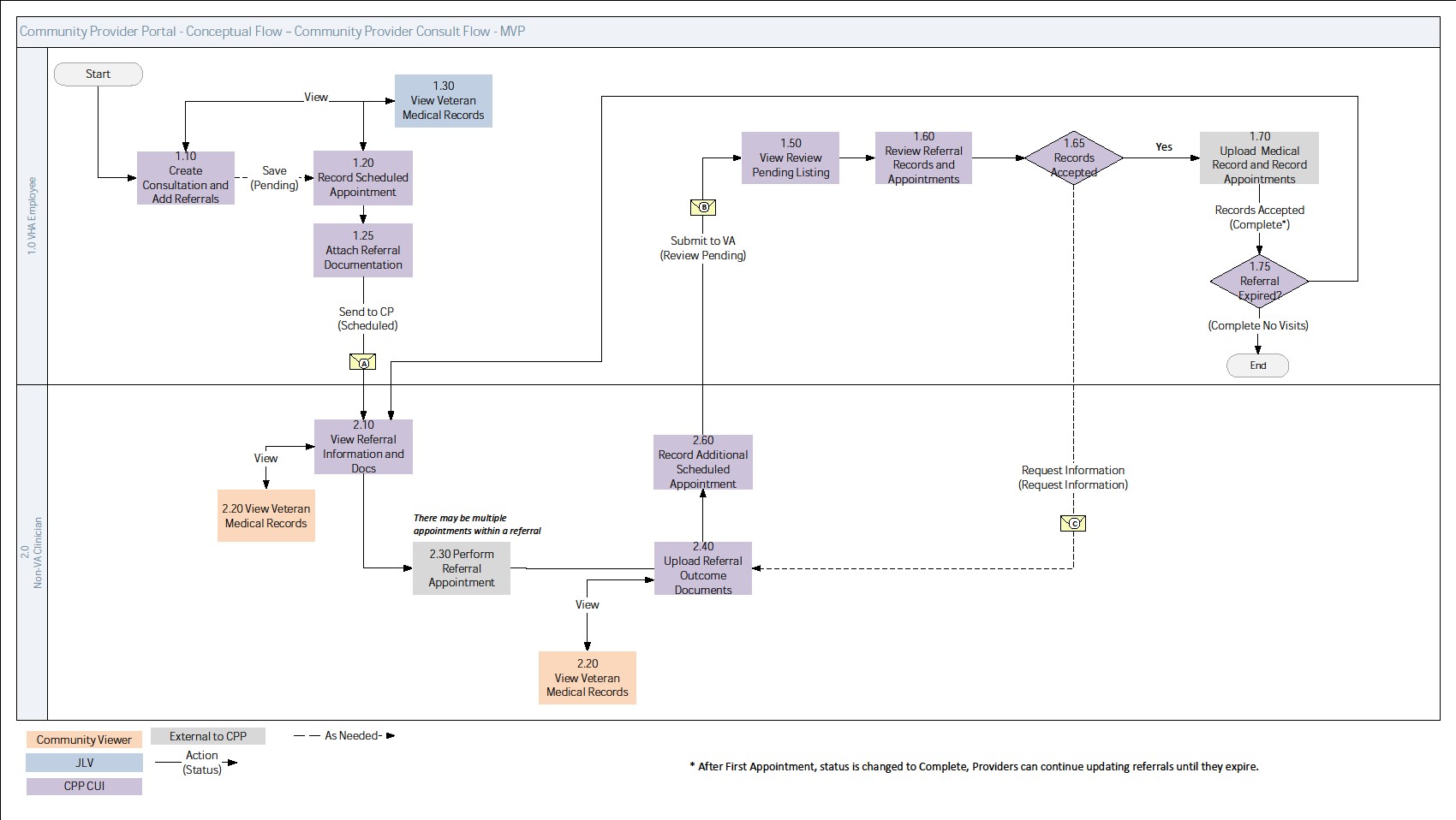
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| **User Role** | **Privileges** |
| Application Administrator | Add/modify/delete VHA users Add/modify/delete CP users Update user roles (privileges) Run administrator reports |
| VHA Coordinator | (For MVP) Add/update consultation records (For MVP) Add/update referral records View consultation records  View referral records Update status  Add/update/cancel appointments Review newly scheduled appointments Send referrals to Community Providers Add/view notes Upload/modify/open documents  Review/download documents (Medical Records for export to JVL) |
| VHA Lead | All Privileges of Coordinator, plus the following: Assign Coordinators to specific referrals  Run Lead Reports |
| CP Scheduler | Add/modify/delete appointments |

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| **User Role** | **Privileges** |
|  |  |
| Community Provider | View referrals Add appointments  Add/modify/delete documents Enter notes  Submit referrals the VHA Add/update/submit SARs |

## Workflow

Figure 2 provides a high-level, overview of that illustrates how VHA Employees and Community Care Providers interact with Consultations, Referrals and SARs.

**Figure 2: Community Care Provider Portal Workflow Diagram**



## Expected Volume

The following describes the estimated referral volume that the new system is expected to support.

#### Referrals

* + - Per Location:
      * ~ 75-100 new Community Provider referrals arrive each day
      * ~50 referrals are returned with medical records each day per location.
    - Nationwide:
      * ~14,000 new Community Provider Referrals arrive per day.
      * ~500,000 referrals are currently open and awaiting medical documents.
    - Yearly: 3.6 million new referrals each year for all locations

#### Consultations

* + - Note: The number of consultations may drop as bundling rolls out and multiple referrals become part of a single Consultation
    - Per Location: ~ 75-100 new Community Provider consultations are created each day
    - Nationwide: ~14,000 new Community Provider Consultations are created per day.
    - Yearly: 3.6 million new Consultations are created each year for all locations

# Getting Started

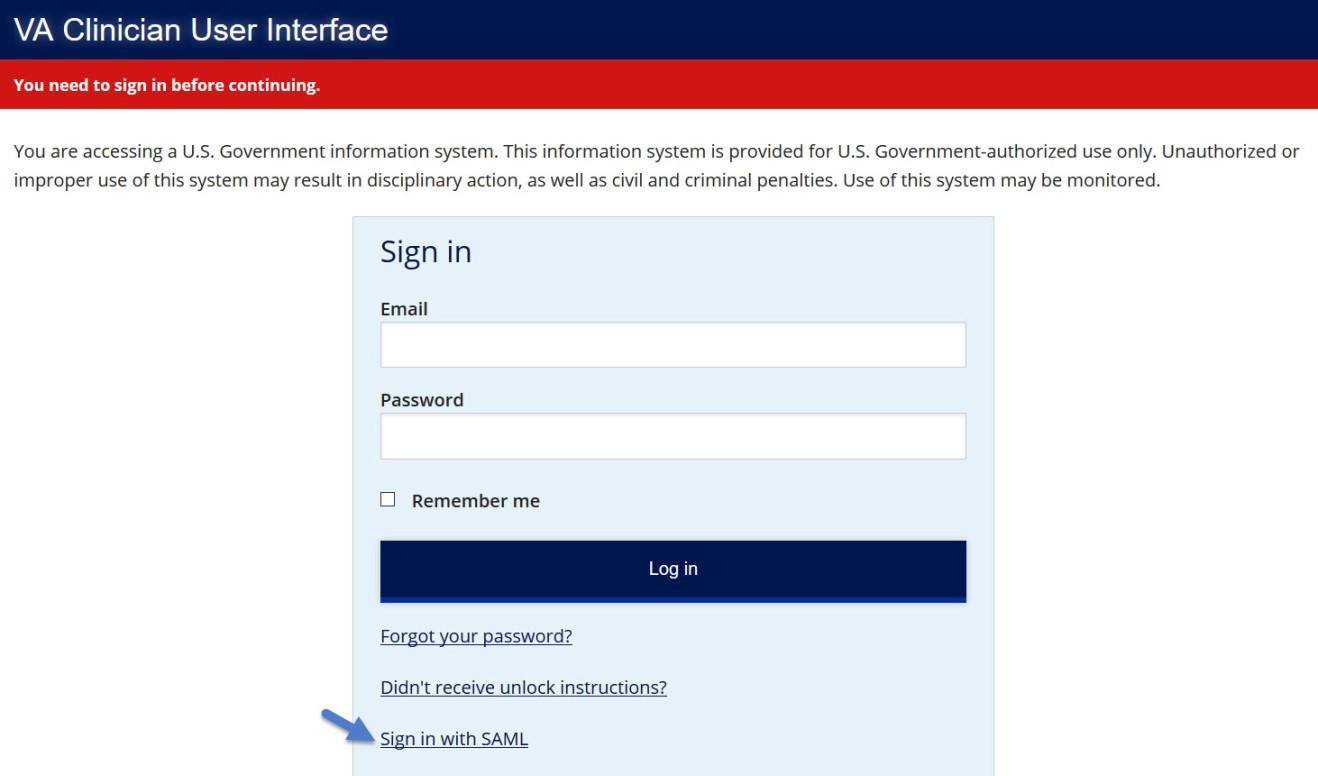
This section provides a general introduction to CPP from signing in to the system to a description of the landing page.

## Sign In

To sign in to CPP, complete the following steps:

* + 1. For the proof of concept, open your web browser to cpp.veracityconsulting.
    2. The system displays the following:

**Figure 1. VA Clinician User Interface (CUI) Sign-in Page**



* + 1. Enter Email Address
    2. Enter Password
    3. Click the **Log in** button. The system displays the CPP Dashboard:

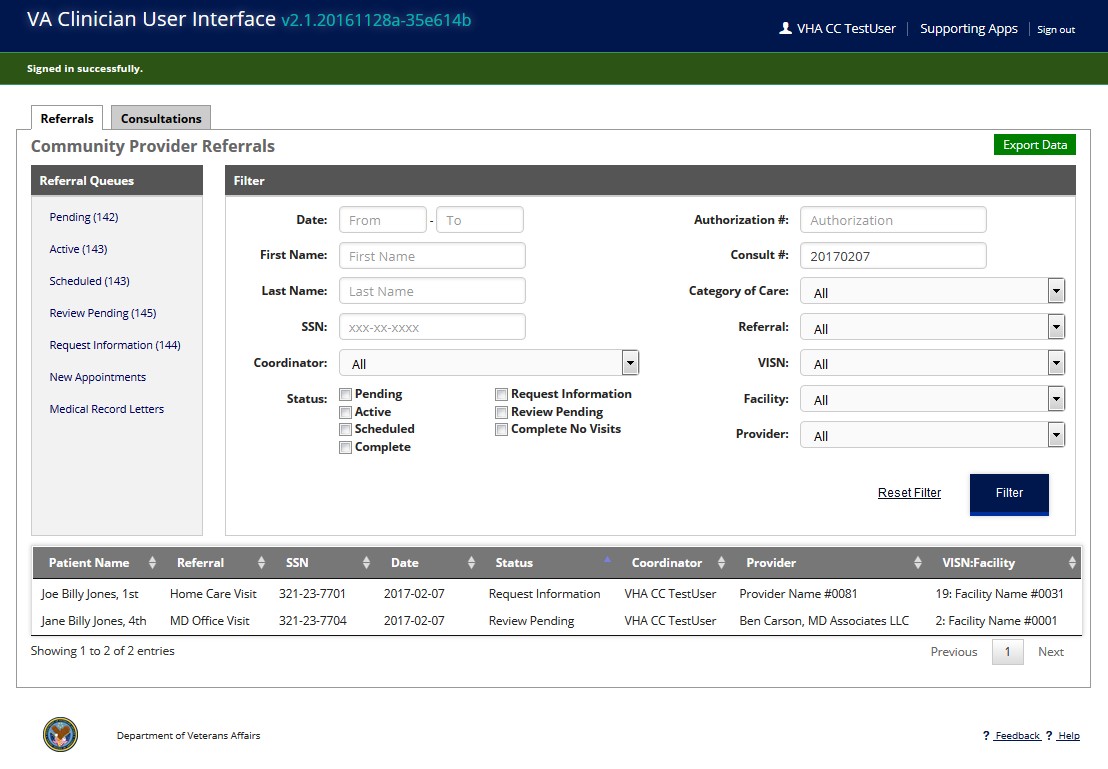
## CPP Dashboard

After signing in to CPP, the system displays a dashboard with the following elements:

* The **System Name** link, which returns the user to the dashboard, when clicked from any page in the site.
* Sign in status message in the upper left
* Your name as text in the upper right
* A **Supporting Apps** drop-down in the upper right that allows you to access a menu of application to which you have access based on your role (see **Error! Reference source not found.**)
* A **Sign out** button in the upper right
* The **Referrals** tab that provides access to Referral Queues on the left and filters on the right that can be used to find specific referrals that require processing.
* The **Consultations** tab that provides access to Consultation filters that can be used to find specific referrals that need processing.
* **Help** and **Feedback** links in lower right

Figure 2 shows a sample landing page—or dashboard—for a VHA Coordinator.

**Figure 2. VHA Coordinator Dashboard**



The Supporting App menu is customized with the options appropriate for each role.

The Supporting Apps menu options are shown in Table 2. Supporting Apps by User Role.

**Table 2. Supporting Apps by User Role**

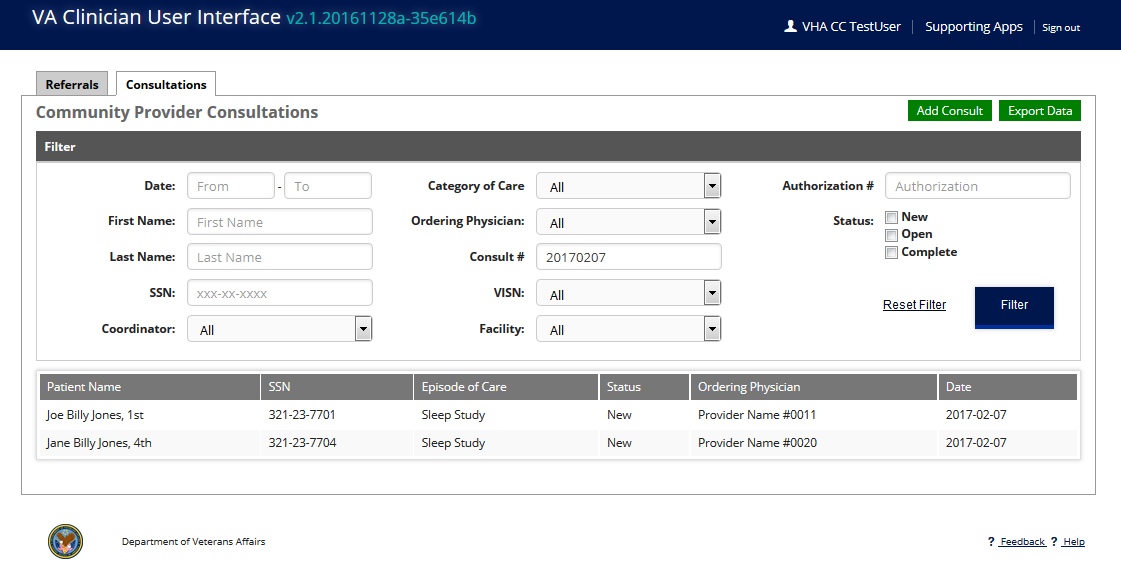
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| **User Role** | **Supporting Apps** |
| VHA Coordinator | PPMS  RefDoc JLV (PAM) CPRS  Direct Imaging RAS (FSC) RAS (COTS) FBCS |

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| **User Role** | **Supporting Apps** |
|  | PIT CCRS ES CRM  ARS |
| VHA Lead/Triage | Same as above. |

# Add Consultation and Referrals

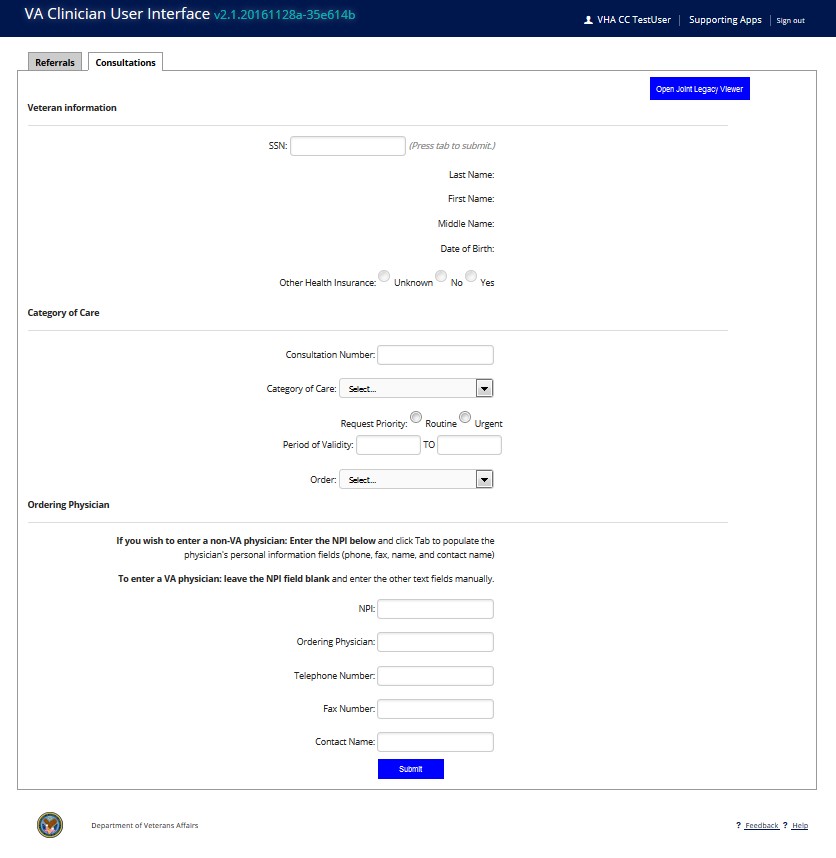
* 1. Click the **Add Consultation** button on the Consultation Landing page.

**Figure 5. VHA Coordinator Dashboard**



* 1. Enter all required data on the Consultation Detail page and click the **Submit** button.

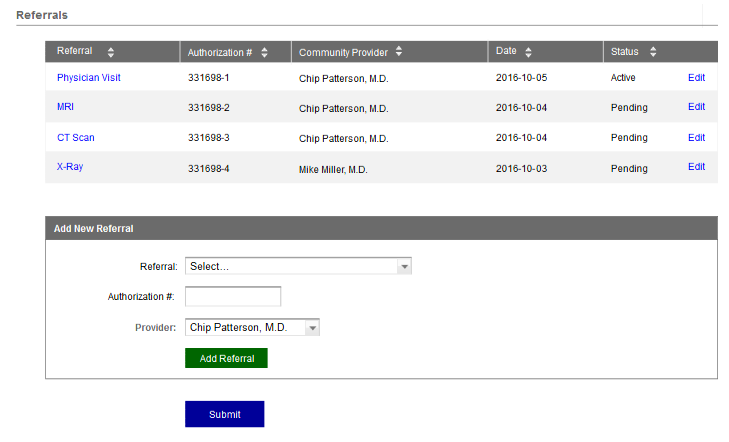
**Figure 6. Consultation Detail Page**



Once the record has been saved, the Referral section of the page appears. If you need to add a referral, continue to step 3, if not, continue to Step 4.

* 1. To create and link a Referral to this Consultation, enter a Referral Type, Authorization # and Provider and click the **Add Referral** button. Repeat this step for each Referral that is associated with this consultation.
  2. Click the **Submit** button. The Consultation record is saved, any new referrals records are created and the Consultation Landing page is re-displayed. If the new Consultation matches the selected filters, the record will appear. If not, change the filter criteria, click the **Filter** button, and the record will appear in the listing.

**Figure 7. Referral Table on the Consultation Detail Page**

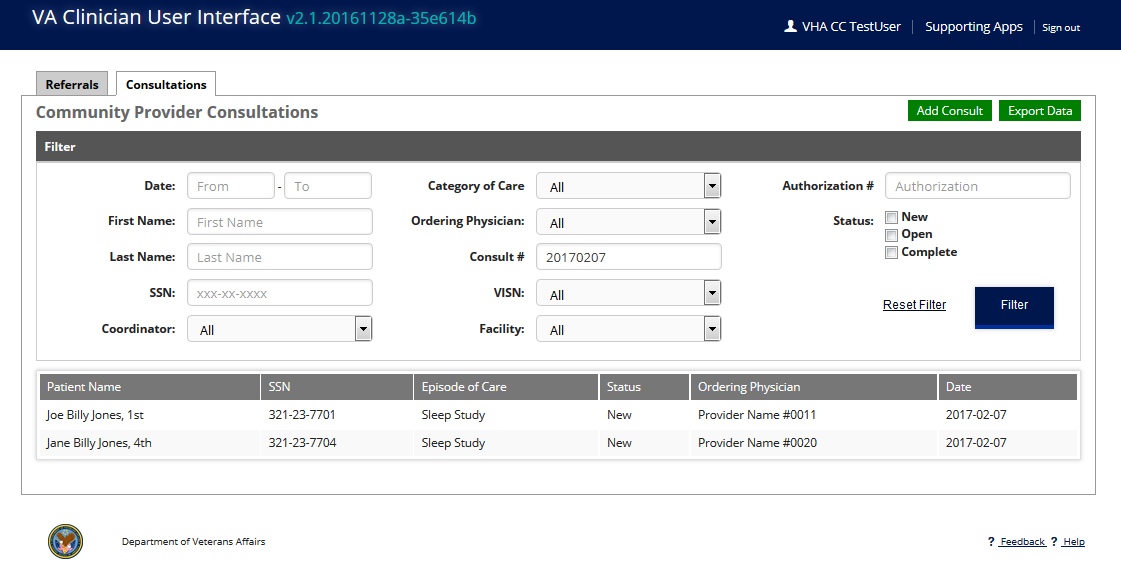


* 1. At this point, the Referral has been created; however additional information regarding the referral can be added. See section **10. Edit an Existing Referral** for instructions on how to enter the remaining referral information.

# Edit an Existing Consultation

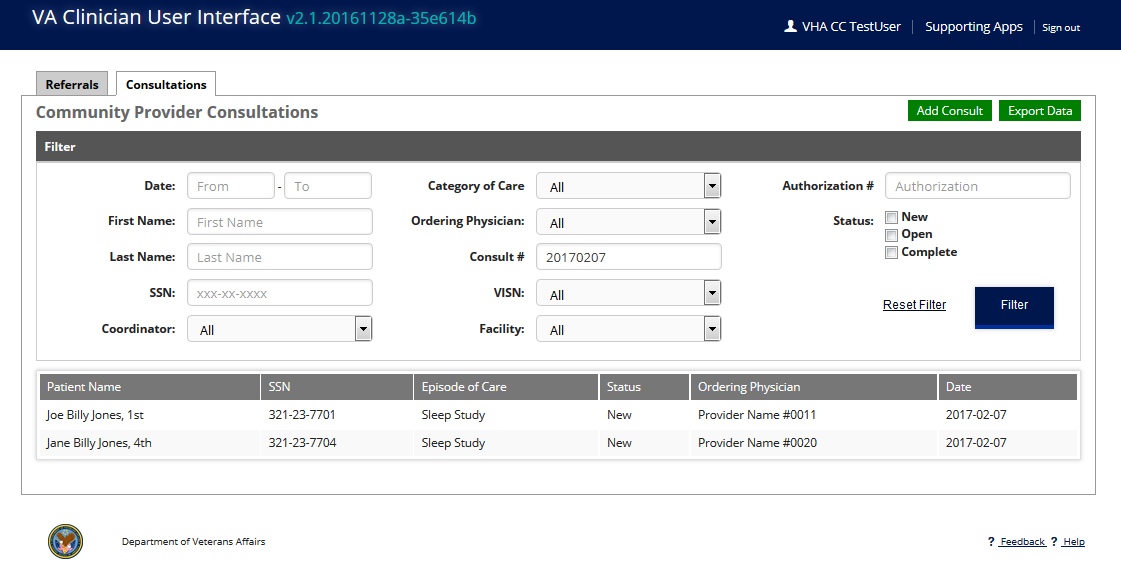
* 1. Click the **Consultations** tab. The Consultations landing page will appear. All records that match the following criteria will display:
     1. Referral Status = Pending, Active, Scheduled, Review Pending, Request Information, and Complete will be displayed. (Records with a Referral Status of “Complete No Visits” will not be displayed by default; however they can be accessed by using the Status filter)
     2. Coordinator = All
     3. Period of Validity End Date >= Today’s Date

**Figure 8. Accessing the Consultation Landing Page**



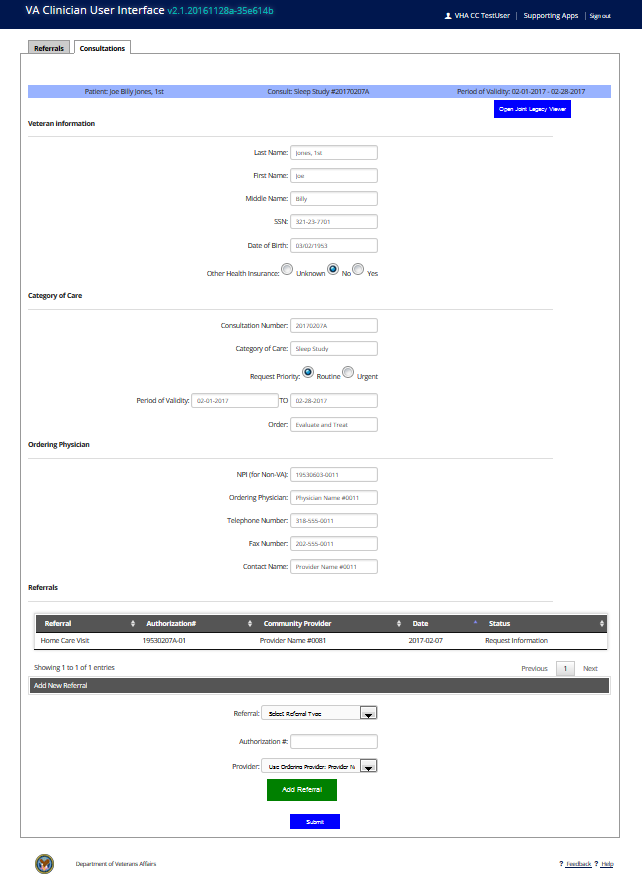
* 1. From the Consultation Landing page, enter one or more criteria in the Filter area at the top of the Consultations Landing page and click the Filter button. The table below will be populated with records that match the selected criteria.

**Figure 9. Filtering on the Consultation Landing Page**



* 1. Moving your cursor over the results allows you to highlight individual rows. Note: Filters can be cleared by clicking the **Reset Filter** button.
  2. Click to select the desired record. The Consultation Detail page will appear.

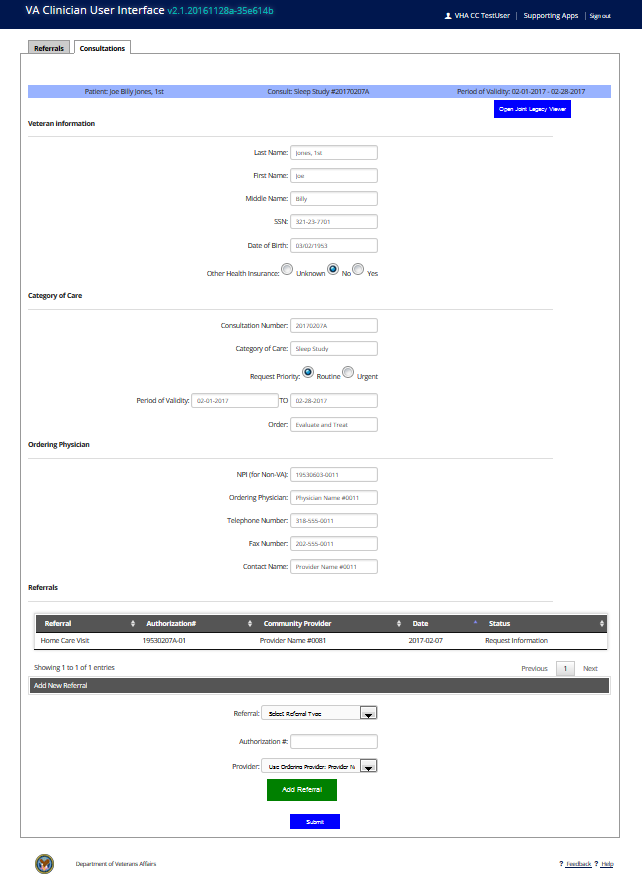
**Figure 10. VHA Consultation Detail Page**



* 1. Modify the necessary data and click the Submit button

**Note**: If you wish to view one of the referrals list in the Referral table, simply click the link and the referral details page will appear.

**Figure 11. Submit Consultation**



* 1. For details on how to add a new referral, see section **6.Add a New Referral to an Existing Consultation**, followed by section **10.Edit Existing Referral**.

Note: Consultations cannot be deleted; however, the status of a Consultation can be set to “Closed”. [Need to add Consultation Status functionality. Unnecessary consultations can be closed manually with a status change on the detail page. Question: For most, will they be closed when all referrals have a referral status of “Complete No Visits” or will they be manually closed?]

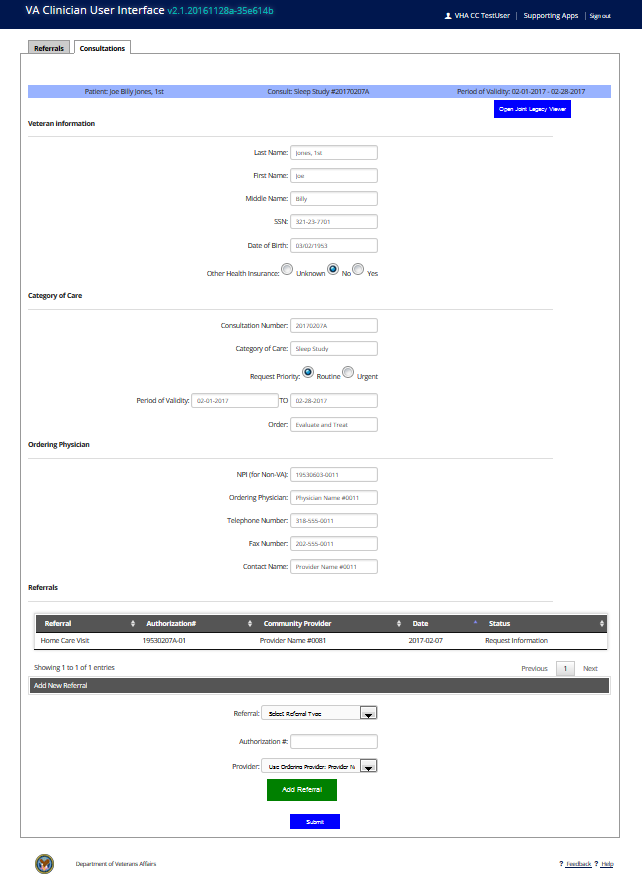
# Add a New Referral to an Existing Consultation

* 1. First, open the existing consultation by following the steps in section **5**. **Edit an Existing Consultation**.
  2. Once the consultation is open, scroll down to the **Add New Referral** box, enter a Referral Type, Authorization # and Provider and click the **Add Referral** button. The new Referral appears in the Referral table.

Repeat this step for each new Referral to be associated with this consultation.

At this point you’ll have created the referrals and can move on to the next step, entering referral data (See section **10. Edit Existing Referral** for details on how to enter the remaining referral data, including attaching the Referral Packet.

**Figure 12. Referral Table on the Consultation Detail Page**



* 1. Click the **Submit** button. The Consultation is saved and the new referral(s) are created with a status of “Pending”.
  2. See section **10.Edit Existing Referral** for instructions on how to enter the remaining Referral information.

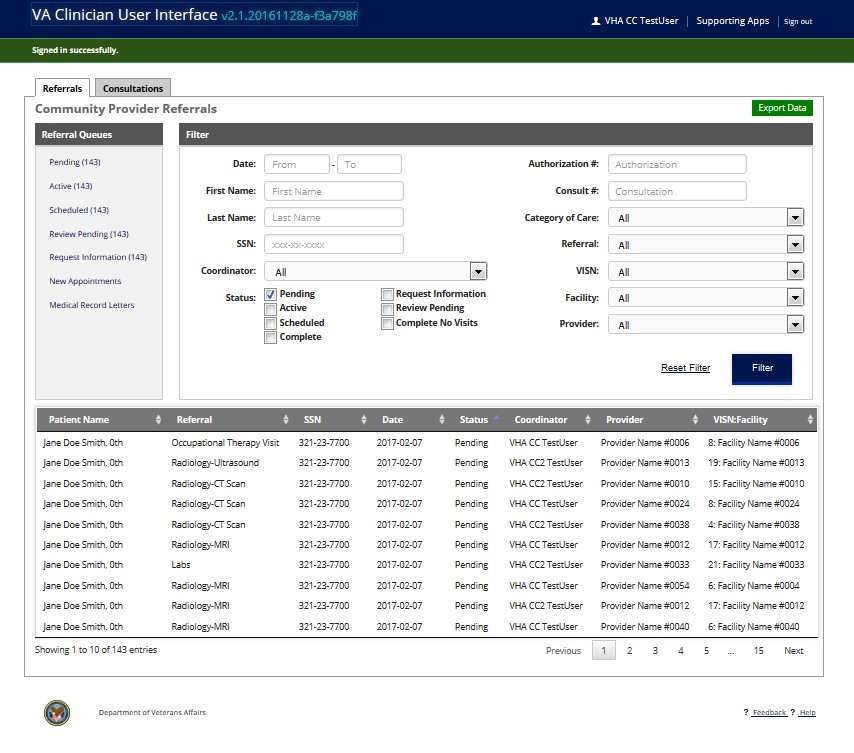
# Delete Consultation

Consultations cannot be deleted; however, the status of a Consultation can be set to “Closed”. Unnecessary consultations can be closed manually with a status change on the detail page. See section **5. Edit an Existing Consultations** for instructions on how to edit consultation status.

# View Referral Queue

* 1. Click one of the **Queue** links on the Referral Landing page (i.e., Pending, Active, etc.). The results set will be populated with all records that match the criteria for the selected queue.

**Figure 13. Referral Queues on the VHA Coordinator Dashboard**



* 1. The Queues display records based on the following criteria:
* STAT: Request Priority = Urgent and Referral status <> Closed No Visits.
* Pending: Referral Status = Pending
* Active: Referral Status = Active
* Scheduled: Referral Status = Scheduled
* Review Pending: Referral Status = Review Pending
* Request Information: Referral Status = Request Information
* New Appointments: Appointment created by CP and appointment reviewed=No
* Medical Record Letters: ML\_Reminder\_3 = Sent. When Referral Status is updated to Review Pending, all three ML\_Reminders are reset to their default value (No/Null).
* Expired: Period of Validity has passed and the status does not equal “Complete No Visits”
  1. The number in parentheses following the name of each queue indicates how many records will appear in that queue.

# Add Referral

See the following sections to add a referral:

#### Section 4. Add Consultation and Referrals

Describes how to add referrals when a consultation is first created.

#### Section 5. Add New Referral to an Existing Consultation

Describes how to add referrals after a consultation has been created

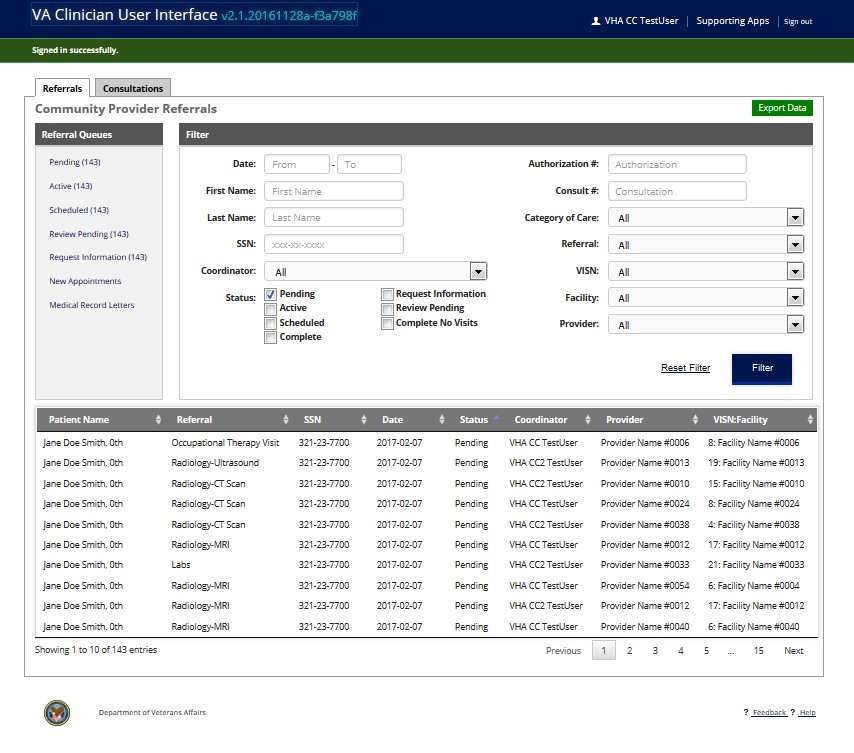
#### Section 10. Edit an Existing Referral

Describes how to add referral details and upload the Referral Packet after a referral has been created using one of the processes mentioned in Section 4 and Section 6.

# Edit an Existing Referral

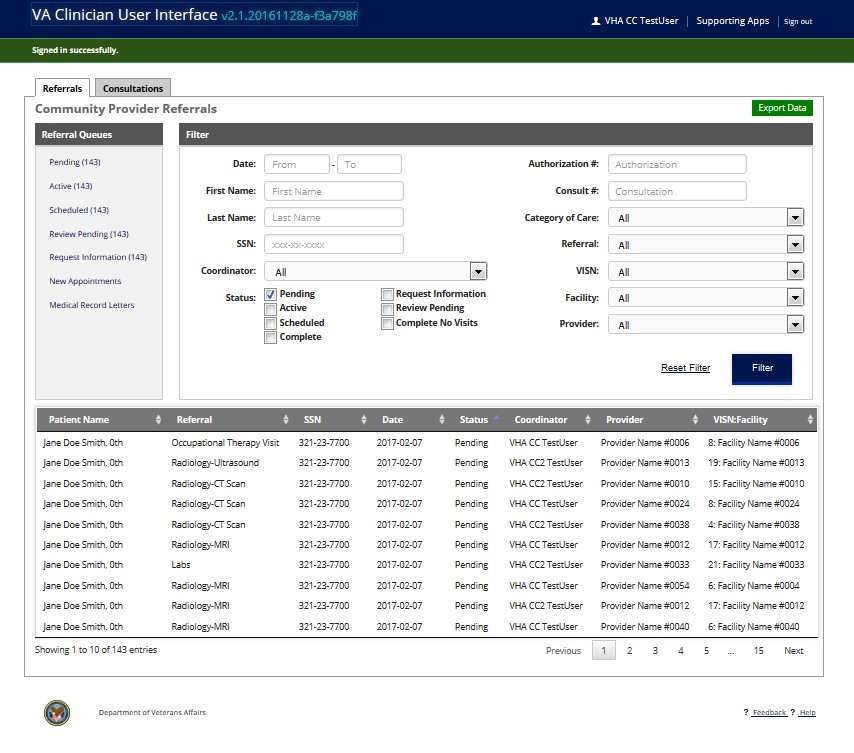
1. On the Referral Landing page, enter one or more criteria in the Filter area at the top of the page and click the **Filter** button. The table below will be populated with records that match the selected criteria.

**Figure 14. Filter Referrals on the VHA Coordinator Dashboard**



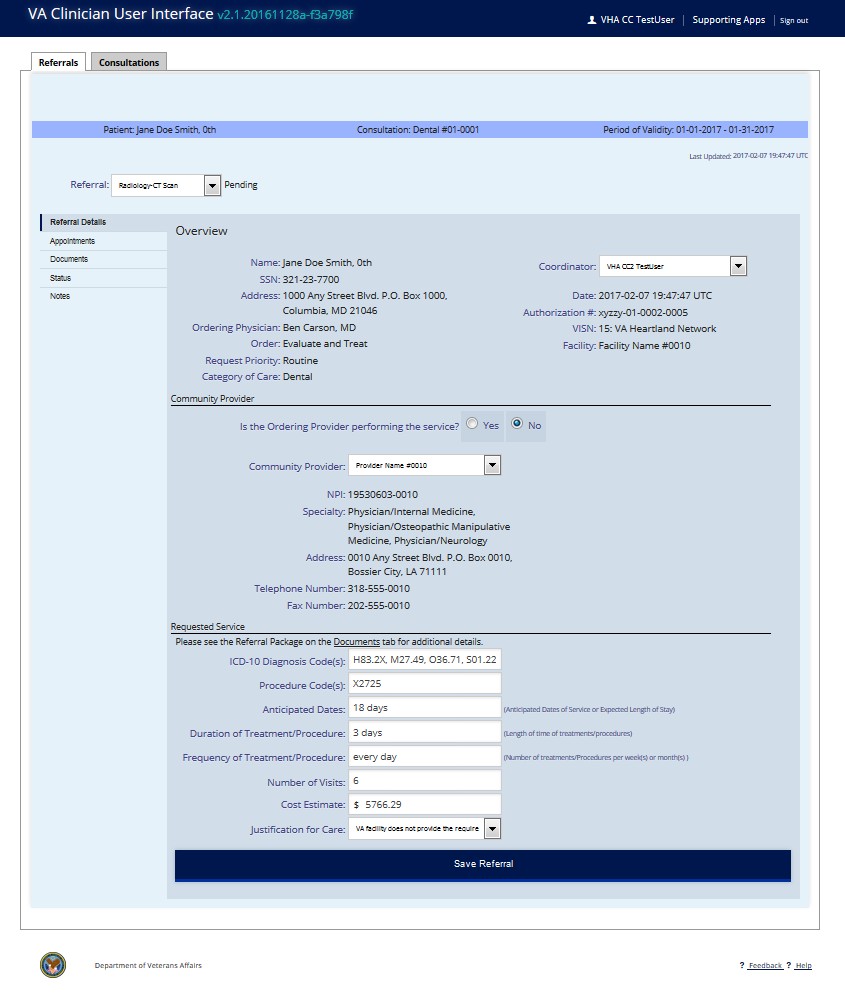
1. Move your cursor over the result to highlight the row of the record you would like to edit.

**Figure 15. Select Records on the VHA Coordinator Dashboard**



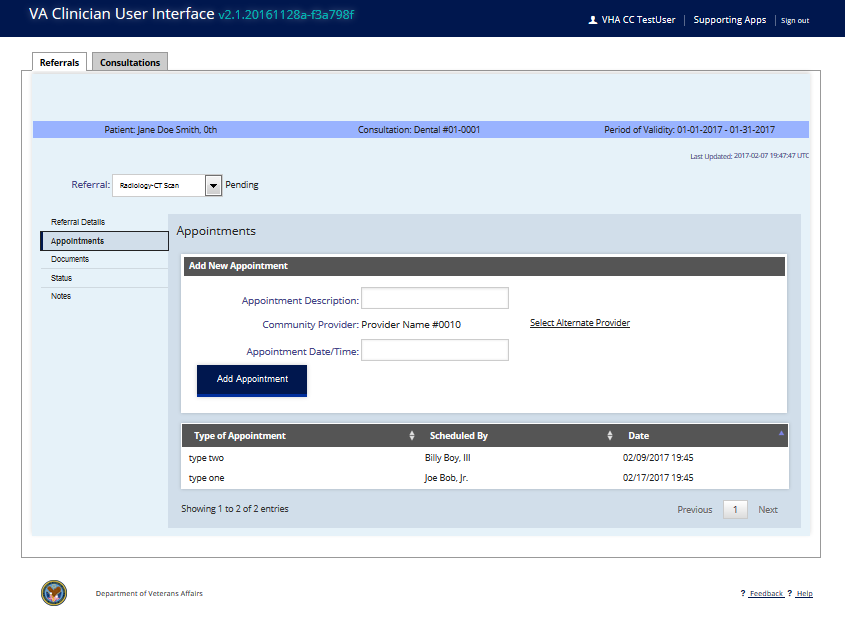
1. Click to open the desired record. The Referral Detail page will appear. The page displays tabs for the various parts of the Referral.
2. On the Referral Details tab
   1. Modify the necessary data and click the **Save** button. The record will be saved.
   2. You’ll notice the Coordinator field on this page. The Coordinator field allows referrals to be assigned to specific Community Care Coordinators for management.

**Figure 16. Referral Details Tab**



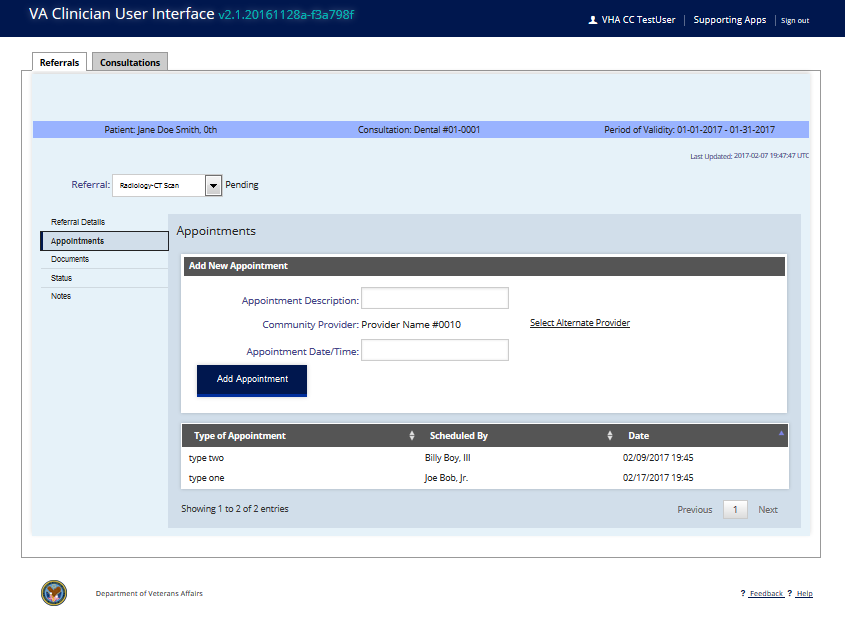
1. Select the Appointments tab to create, modify or delete appointments.

**Figure 17. Appointments Tab**



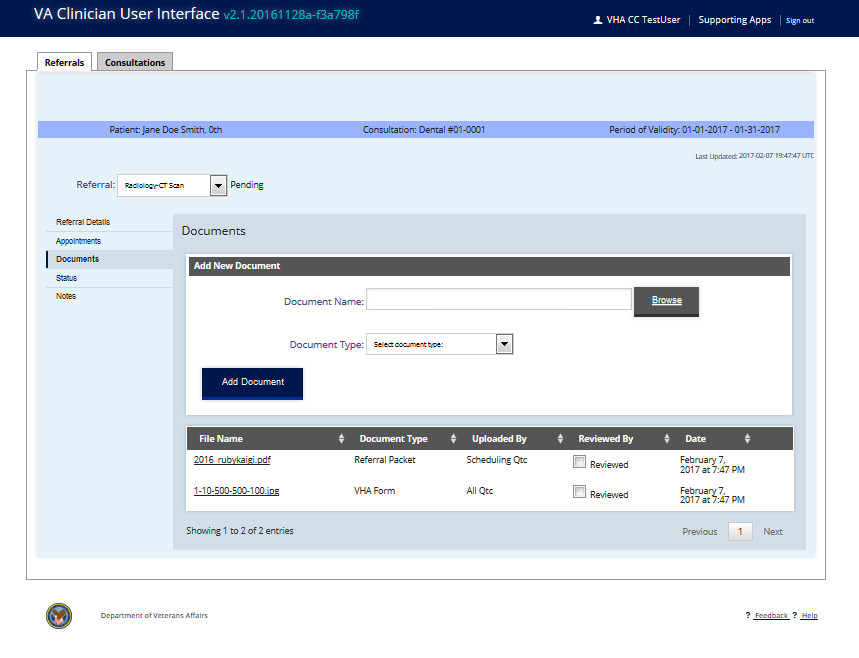
1. To add an appointment, enter the required data in the **Add New Appointment** box and click the **Add Appointment** button. The new appointment will be added to the Appointment table.

**Figure 18. Adding Appointment**



1. To Edit an appointment, select the record in the table. The record will pre-populate in the form. Make any necessary changes and click the **Update** button. [Does button label toggle from Add to Update yet?]
2. Select the **Documents** tab. This page allows you to add the Referral Packet and any additional Medical Records that are received.

**Figure 19. Documents Tab**

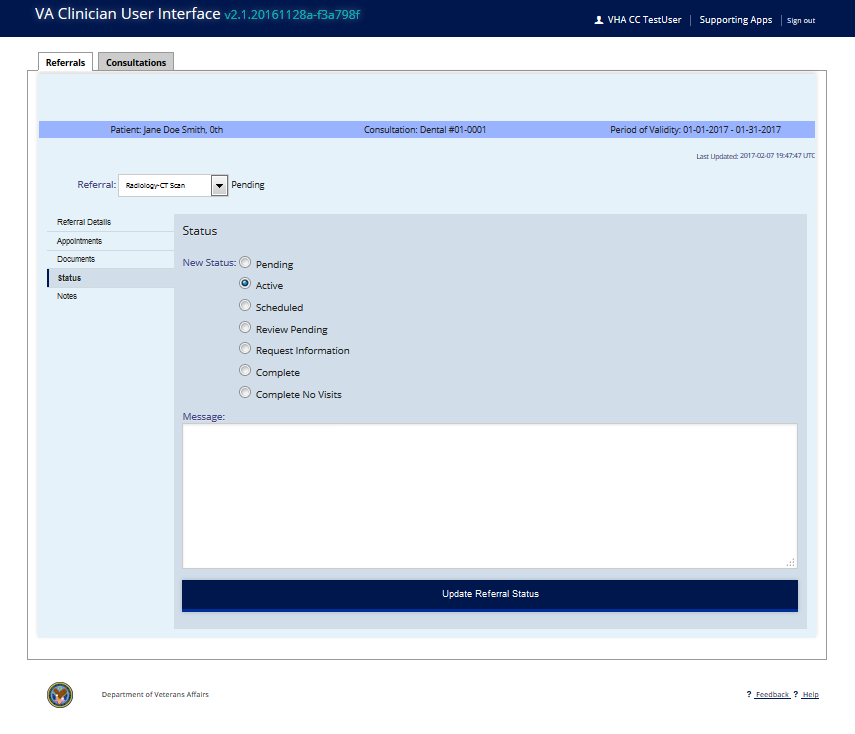


1. Select the **Browse** button. The **Browse** dialog box appears.
2. Select the desired file (i.e., a Medical Packet) and click the **Open** button. The name of the document will pre-populate the File Name field.
3. Select the appropriate Document Type from the drop-down and click the **Add Document**

button. The new document will be added to the Documents table. Repeat steps A-C to add any additional Medical Records.

1. To edit a document, select the record in the table. The record will pre-populate in the form. Make any necessary changes and click the **Update** button. [Does the button label toggle from Add to Update yet?]
2. Select the **Status** tab

**Figure 20. Status Tab**

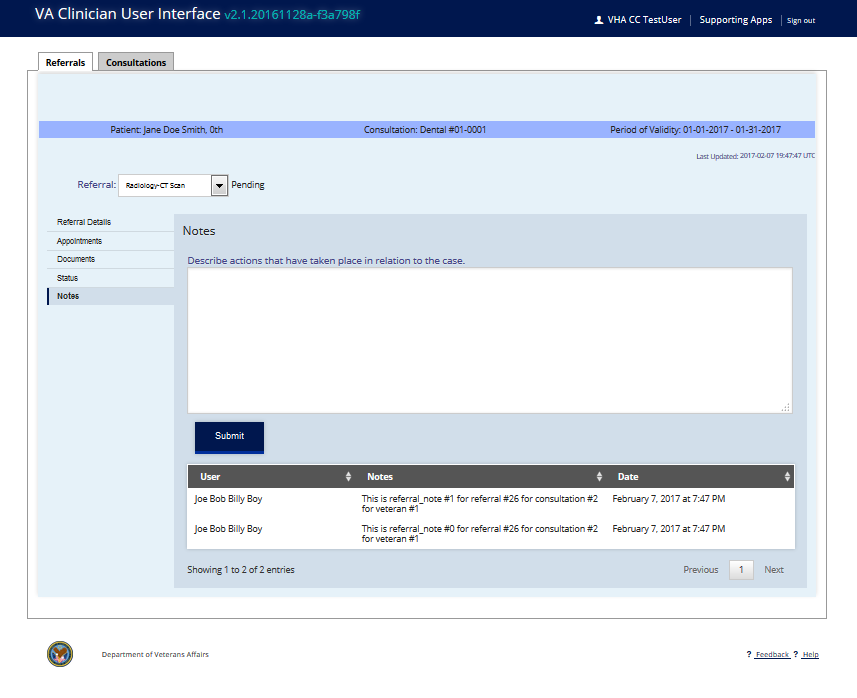


1. Select the appropriate status, enter a note, if desired, and click the **Submit** button. The status of the Referral is updated. If the status is updated to Scheduled or Request Information, an email is sent to the Community Provider’s email address. The Referral Details tab is re-displayed. In addition, the status change appears as a record on the Notes tab.

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| --- | --- |
| **Status** | **Description** |
| Pending | Pending referrals have not yet been assigned to a Coordinator |
| Active | Active referrals are currently being edited by a Coordinator. While a referral is in the Active status, the Coordinator is adding referral details, uploading Medical Records, such as the Referral Packet, and entering details related to the 1st appointment. |
| Scheduled | Scheduled referrals have the 1st appointment scheduled. When the  Coordinator sets the status of a referral to Scheduled, an email is sent to the Community Provider notifying them of the referral. |
| Review Pending | Review Pending referrals have Medical Records that need VHA review. When the Community Provider has seen the patient and entered all necessary medical records, they send the referral back to the VHA. As they do this, the status becomes “Review Pending” and the referral appears in the “Review Pending” queue. |
| Request Information | Request Information referrals need additional medical records or information. When a Coordinator reviews a referral that has been returned by a Community Provider and feels more information is needed, they’ll set the status to “Request Information” and provide a description of the additional information that is needed. The system will send the Community Provider an email containing the description. Once the Community Provider uploads the necessary medical records, they’ll return the referral to the VHA and it will again appear in the “Review Pending” queue. |
| Complete | Complete referrals have been reviewed by the VHA and contain all of the necessary Medical Records after the first appointment. The Medical records have been reviewed and uploaded into the patient’s official medical record in CPRM. Referrals that require multiple appointments will remain in the Complete status until all appointment have occurred. |
| Complete No Visits | Complete No Visit Referrals require no additional appointments. The referral is essentially closed. It remains visible for 30 extra days in case additional medical records need to be added. |

1. Select the **Notes** tab to review referral activity.

**Figure 21. Notes Tab**

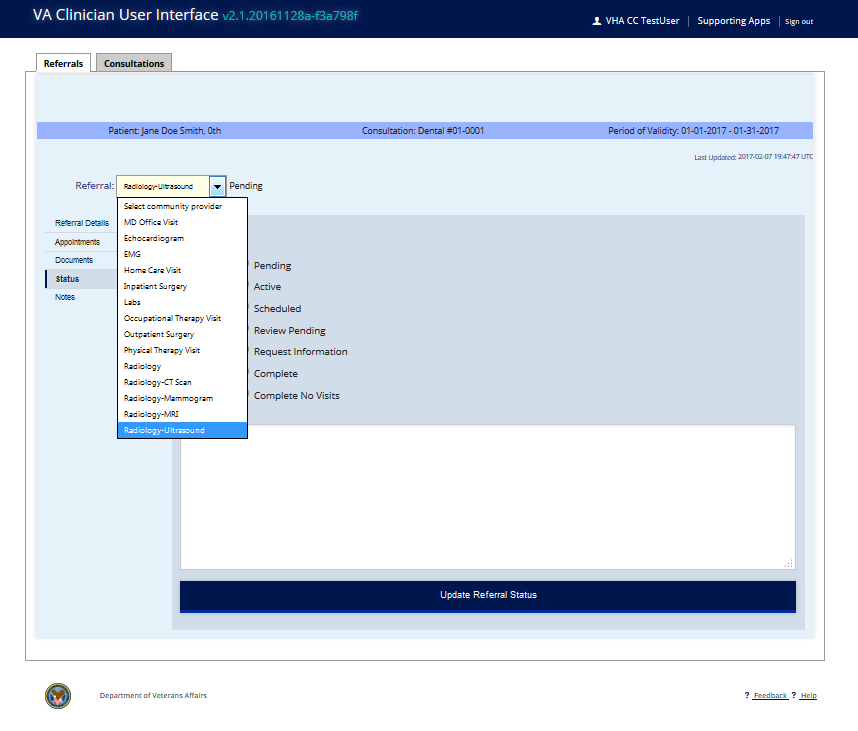


1. Review the records on the notes page to understand what has transpired in relation to the referral. This page allows you to see when status changes occurred and when additional information was requested.
2. If necessary, enter a note in the Add Note box and click the Submit button. The note is added to the top of the Notes table. (Note: Notes cannot be edited once submitted. This page may shift to more of a read-only audit trail. In this case, secure communication would occur via Direct Messaging)

# 11. Switch to a Different Referral

1. From any tab in the referral, you can easily switch to another referral for the selected Veteran using the **Referral** drop-down that appears in the Referral Header. Once you select a different referral, the page refreshes with details related to the newly selected referral.

**Figure 22. Referral Drop-down**



# 12. Delete Referral

1. Referrals cannot be deleted. Instead, the status of a referral that is complete or is no longer needed can be set to “Closed No Visits”. When referrals are set to Closed No Visits, Community Providers have 30 extra days to add any remaining medical records. See **10.7 Edit Referral - Select the Status tab** for instructions on how to change the status of a referral.

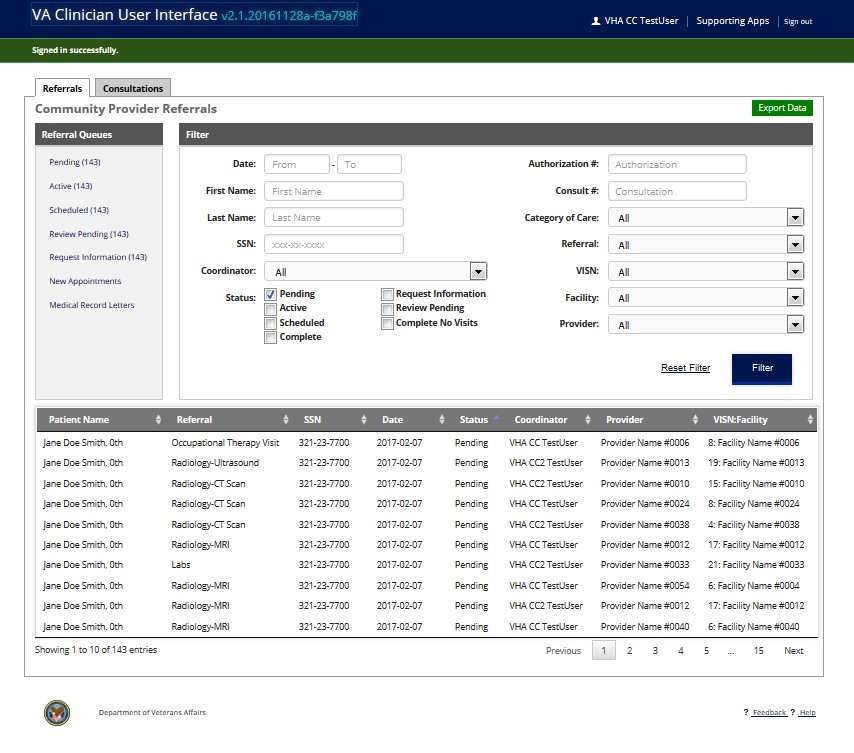
# 13. Add SAR (Future Functionality)

1. On the Referral Landing page, highlight the desired **Referral** record and click to display the Referral record. The Referral Detail page will appear with the **Referral Details** tab selected.
2. Click the **Add SAR** button in the Referral header. The SAR Detail page appears.
3. Enter the required data and click the **Submit** button. The new SAR will be saved and sent to FBCS. Eventually, if a community provider will be providing the service, the SAR may flow back into CPP as a new Consultation.

# 14. Provide Feedback on Site

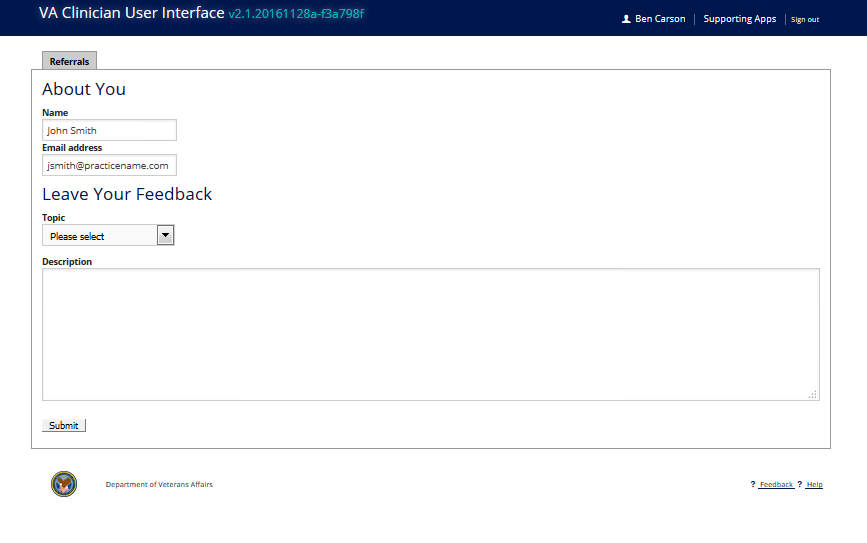
1. From any page in the application, you can click the Feedback link in the footer to provide feedback to the creators of the application.

**Figure 23. Feedback Link in the Footer**



1. On the Feedback form, your name and email address are pre-populated; however, they can be edited. Select a Topic from the drop-down, enter your feedback in the description box, and then click the **Submit** button. Your feedback will be sent to the application development team.

**Figure 24. Feedback Form**



1. A “Thanks for your feedback” message appears at the top of the page, just below the header.

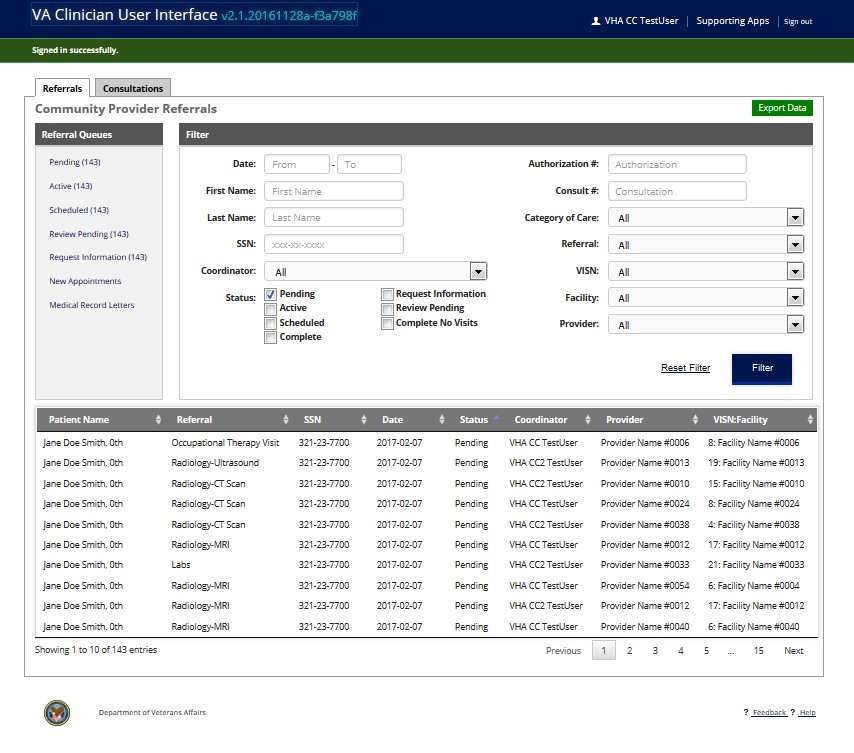
**Figure 25. Feedback Thank You Message**



# 15. Sign Out

1. Select the **Sign out** link in the header to sign out of the application. The system signs you out of the system and re-displays the **Sign In** page, so you can sign on again.

**Figure 26. Sign Out Link in the Header**



# Appendix A. Frequently Asked Questions

#### Q. What questions shall we include?

A. We’ll include all questions that would provide value. As you test the site, please feel free to suggest FAQs that cross your mind.