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Dear Veteran:

VA Puget Sound Health Care System invites you to join an exciting new pilot program called Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER) Health. You are being invited to join because you have received care at the American Lake Division and have recently received or will receive care at one of the area Department of Defense hospitals or with MultiCare Health System.

VLER Health allows information to be shared with your private health care providers to better serve your health care needs. They are all members of a secure internet network called Nationwide Health Information Network. When you join VLER Health, your provider will be able to see a list of your current health problems, certain laboratory test results, and a list of medications you receive outside of VA. Thus, your provider will see a more complete picture of your health and the care you might need.

If you decide to join, please complete the enclosed documents and drop them off at the VA Release of Information office or at your next visit. You may also return the completed documents to us in the envelope provided. By signing these documents, you agree to allow VA to share some health information with private health care providers that are participating in the Nationwide Health Information Network (NwHIN).

If you decide not to join, do nothing. Your choice will not affect the care you receive from your providers, your future care at the VA, or your VA benefits. If you choose to join now and later change your mind, you may cancel this authorization at anytime.

If you have questions, please call the toll free VLER Health Information line at 1-877-771-VLER (8537).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David A. Elizalde".

David A. Elizalde
Director

Enclosures