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In order to further improve the lines of communication and to respond to the concerns between the National VA Council and you our members, I have established a National VA Council Briefing. This NVAC Briefing will bring you the latest news and developments within DVA and provide you with the current status of issues this Council is currently addressing. I believe that this NVAC Briefing will greatly enhance the way in which we communicate and the way in which we share new information, keeping you better informed.

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Pentagon and VA 'Still Years Away' from Fully Interoperable Electronic Health Records //

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The Pentagon and the Department of Veterans Affairs are on course to blow past a congressionally mandated end-of-2016-deadline to fully deploy modernized electronic health record software that works across both agencies' different health IT systems.

That's according to a new assessment prepared for lawmakers from the Government Accountability Office.

"Establishing modernized and fully interoperable health record systems is still years away," Valerie Melvin, GAO director of information technology issues, is expected to say in prepared testimony before two key congressional committees Tuesday.

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