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1. Introduction

1.1. Document Purpose

The purpose of the Development Roadmap and Service Scenarios Document is to provide Digits 2 Digits (D2D) Veteran Service Organization (VSO) vendor claims management system (CMS) developers and system integrators with the conventions governing submittals of claims and documents to the D2D system. The Development Roadmap and Service Scenarios Document will provide:

- High Level D2D overview including
  - High level D2D component description
  - D2D Transaction Lexicon
  - Overview of how to structure payloads for Direct Access Services (DAS) and VIERS Electronic Form Submission (EFSS) Service.

- DAS Request operation options
- DAS Response operation options
- Das Request and Response operation WSDLs
- Service Messaging Protocol using Sequence Diagrams
- Service Messaging Protocol using Component/Collaboration Diagrams
- Service protocol payload examples
- Service scenario procedures to be followed under various circumstances

1.2. High Level D2D Overview

DAS and EFSS services enable an external VSO CMS to submit claims and forms via a SOAP submission to the VA for electronic processing. This will eliminate paper records and speed up processing time for the Veteran. The CMS will submit SOAP packages to the DAS gateway resulting in the orchestration of a number of services behind the gateway to process the submission. These services include:

- VIERS – Implementation of D2D functionality utilizing the Electronic Form Submission (EFSS) and Form Submission (FSS) Services frameworks.
  - EFSS – Implementation of the common functionality of the framework. The EFSS will receive forms and associated attachments as part of a submission and save them to the “hold area” in-flight storage. Upon successful completion of its responsibilities, it will initiate the appropriate FSS defined by form type (e.g., 21-526EZ)
  - FSS – Implementation of the specific functionality for a form type.
- In-Flight Storage – Service implementation for insertion of submitted forms and attachments into a “holding area”
- Line of Business (LOB) Services Down line systems invoked by VIERS that supply specific business functionality needed by D2D
- Enterprise Services – Overarching services that are used across the VA processing infrastructure not just D2D

Figure 1 - D2D Logical Component Overview.
1.3. D2D Transaction Lexicon

A single Transaction, sometimes referred to as a package, is analogous to a Submission, which will include one or more Transmissions. Transmissions include either a Form or an Attachment. The Manifest associates multiple Transmissions to a single Submission.

- **Submission** – A submission is a logical grouping of transmissions.
  - The Submission Identifier or Submission ID is unique for each submission. It is a unique, alphanumeric string generated by each VSO. The ID is not unique across VSOs, but is unique to each form transmission.
  - The Submission ID associates Transmissions into a single package.

- **Transmission** – A Transmission consists of a Form or Attachment.
  - The Transmission Identifier or Transmission ID is unique for each transmission within a submission. It is a unique alphanumeric string generated by each VSO for each transmission. Each Transmission ID within a single Submission will have a unique ID value.
  - Each Transmission is submitted separately and in the case of a Form Transmission is accompanied with the Attachment Manifest.

- **Form** – A form is a XML payload built per the XSD specification created by the VA for that form. It is imperative that the XML be validated against this XSD prior to submission.

- **Attachment** – An attachment is a PDF version of a specific form or a non-form attachment.
  - Maximum attachment size is 25 MEG.
  - The maximum number of attachments is currently set to 100 attachments per submission.

- **Manifest** – The Manifest is used to determine the completeness of attachment transmissions using the numberOfDocuments value versus the actual number of attachments transmitted.

- **Submission Sequence** – When submitting forms with attachments, the VSO must wait for the receipt of the VIERS EFSS asynchronous submitFormResponseMessage, which is contained in the RegistryResponse DAS message, forwarded through DAS before submitting attachments to assure that the Manifest will be open to receive the attachments.
1.4. Overview of VSO to DAS and Back to VSO Submission Structure

This section details the VSO to DAS back to VSO web service submission structure. Detailed descriptions of payload packaging will be included in sections 1.6.4 VSO to DAS Submit Form Payload Creation and 1.7.3 VSO to DAS Submit Attachment Payload Creation.

Table 1: VSO to DAS Submission Structure

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<td>XDRRequestService</td>
<td>ProvideAndRegisterDocument</td>
<td>The VSO to DAS service request transmits the form or attachment using the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Set-bRequest</td>
<td>ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bRequest message and responds using the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Acknowledgement message.</td>
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Table 2: DAS to VSO Submission Structure

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<tr>
<td>XDRResponseService</td>
<td>ProvideAndRegisterDocument</td>
<td>The DAS to VSO response communicates the successful/unsuccesful processing of a single form or attachment or an entire submission using the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Set-bResponse</td>
<td>RegistryResponse message and responds using the Acknowledgement message.</td>
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1.5. Overview of DAS to EFSS Submission Structure

This section details the DAS to EFSS web service submission structure. Although these web service interactions are not visible to the VSO, it was included for additional processing clarity specifically because the VSO must populate the submitFormRequestMessage, the submitAttachmentRequestMessage, the EFSSConfirmationType and the EFSSStatusType messages which are imbedded in the DAS submission payload.

Table 3: DAS to EFSS Form and Attachment Submission Structure

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<td>EFSService</td>
<td>submitForm</td>
<td>The DAS to EFSS service request transmits the form (a XML payload built per the D2D XSD specification) using the submitFormRequestMessage and responds using the submitFormResponseMessage message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFSService</td>
<td>submitAttachment</td>
<td>The DAS to EFSS service request transmits the attachment in a PDF format using the submitAttachmentRequestMessage and responds using the submitAttachmentResponseMessage message.</td>
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Table 4: DAS to EFSS Status and Confirmation Submission Structure

<table>
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<th>Description</th>
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| EFSService| confirmSubmission | The confirmSubmission uses the EFSSConfirmationType and responds using the EFSSResponseMessage message.  
The operation allows an incomplete manifest to be cancelled and the “hold area” in-flight storage artifacts are purged for a possible submission. |
| EFSService| checkStatus   | The checkStatus operation uses the EFSSStatusType and responds using the EFSSAttachmentResponseMessage  
The operation allows the consumer to check the status of a submitted form and all associated attachments within the “hold area” in-flight storage. |
1.6. VSO to DAS to EFSS Submission Structure Submit Form Payload

The section contains conceptual diagrams and examples of the VSO to DAS to EFSS submitForm payload submission structure.

1.6.1. VSO to DAS Submission Structure

The ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest message includes the Document element which contains the submitFormRequestMessage in a Base 64 format.

**Figure 2 – ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest Conceptual Diagram**

```
<ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest>
  <Document>
    <submitFormRequestMessage>
      (in a Base64 format)
    </submitFormRequestMessage>
  </Document>
</ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest>
```

**Figure 3 – ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest Example**

```
<urn:ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest>
  <urn1:SubmitObjectsRequest id="a36d9442-e184-40e6-8b96-70c22f83dce7" >
    ...
    ...(Elements truncated for readability)
    ...
  </urn1:SubmitObjectsRequest>

  <urn:Document id="0003" >PHYxOnN1Y...(Base64 payload truncated for readability)
    ...
    ...
    ==</urn:Document>
</urn:ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest>
```
1.6.2. DAS to EFSS Submission Structure

The submitFormRequestMessage element includes the Document element which contains the Form526EZ XML payload (in the case of 526EZ form transmission) element in a Base64 format.

Figure 4 – submitFormRequestMessage Conceptual Diagram

Figure 5 – submitFormRequestMessage Example

```xml
<v1:submitFormRequestMessage xmlns:v1="http://viers.va.gov/efss/v1">
  ...
  <v1:sender>
    ...(Element truncated for readability)
  </v1:sender>
  <v1:formInfo>
    <v1:formType>21-526EZ</v1:formType>
    <v1:numberOfDocuments>0</v1:numberOfDocuments>
    ...
    <v1:Document id="0003">PD94bWwg...(Base64 payload truncated for readability)
      ...
      ==</v1:Document>
    ...
  </v1:formInfo>
  ...(Element truncated for readability)
  <v1:EFSSManifestType>
    ...(Element truncated for readability)
  </v1:EFSSManifestType>
  <v1:formInfo>
  ...
  </v1:formInfo>
</v1:submitFormRequestMessage>
```
1.6.3. DAS to EFSS Submission Structure - Additional Supporting Documents Option

The Form526EZ submission or any form that contains supporting documentation attachments can be utilized to submit additional attachments to an existing claim in pending status. The process is the same as the initial form submission except a number of name/value parameters must be set in the submitFormRequestMessage.

The EFSSManifestItemType element contains an unbound Name/Value construct named EFSSClaimInfo.

To initiate the Additional Supporting Documents processing the Name/Value string constructs contained in the EFSSClaimInfo must be populated as follows:

- Name = FORM_SUBTYPE  Value = LATE
- Name = CLAIM_ID Value = Claim ID of the claim where additional attachments are needed
- Name = CLAIM_DATE Value = Submission date of the claim where additional attachments are needed

**Figure 6 – submitFormRequestMessage with the Additional Supporting Documents Option Example**

```xml
<v1:submitFormRequestMessage xmlns:v1="http://viers.va.gov/efss/v1">
  ...
  <v1:sender>
    ...(Element truncated for readability)
  </v1:sender>
  <v1:formInfo>
    <v1:formType>21-526EZ</v1:formType>
    <v1:numberOfDocuments>2</v1:numberOfDocuments>
    ...
    <v1:Document id="0003" >PD94bWwg...(Base64 payload truncated for readability)</v1:Document>
    ...
  </v1:formInfo>
  (Element truncated for readability)
  ...
  <v1:EFSSManifestType>
    <v1:ManifestItemType>
      ...
      <v1: name> FORM_SUBTYPE </v1: name>
      <v1: value> LATE </v1: value>
      <v1: name> CLAIM_ID </v1: name>
      <v1: value> 123456789 </v1: value>
      <v1: name> CLAIM_DATE </v1: name>
      <v1: value> 12/31/2015 </v1: value>
      ...
      (Element truncated for readability)
    </v1:ManifestItemType>
  </v1:EFSSManifestType>
</v1:submitFormRequestMessage>
```
1.6.4. VSO to DAS Submit Form Payload Creation

This section will detail the step for the creation of the 21-526EZ form payload that will be compatible with the DAS, EFSS and 21-526EZ WSDL and XSD specifications.

1. The VSO will capture the 526EZ Form information and create the 21-526EZ Form XML. The **21-526EZ X.X zip** where X.X is the current D2D release on the VACI web site contains in addition to the 526EZ WSDL and XSD files, a sample 21-526EZ XML document. Use this as a guide for the automated VSO application XML payload creation process.

2. Validate the created 21-526EZ Form XML against the XSD included in the zip file.
   Business and syntactical rule validations for the created 21-526EZ Form XML file are contained in the **D2DDataDictionary VRM TI Updates Inc1ItX.X.xlsx** file where X.X is the current D2D release contained in the VACI web site.

3. When the 21-526EZ Form XML payload has been created convert it to a Base 64 Encoded format.

4. The **EFSS X.X zip** file where X.X is the current D2D release contained in the VACI web site contains a file named EFSSTypes.xsd. This file contains the XSD template for the *submitFormRequestMessage* element. Create and populate an XML file using this template. The Base64 Encoded format file created in step 3 is inserted in the *document* element that is contained in the *formInfo* element.

5. Convert the file created using the *submitFormRequestMessage* template to a Base 64 Encoded format.

6. The VSO submits a 21-526EZ payload with claim initiation information using the **ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bRequest** operation hosted by the **DAS XDRRequestService** service. The service operation uses the **ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest** message. The **DAS_Gateway_ICD.docx** on the VACI web site contains an imbedded file named **XDRRequestService2.xsd** that contains the XSD definition. The Base64 Encoded format file created in step 5 is inserted in the *document* element that is contained in the **ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest** message.
1.7. **VSO to DAS to EFSS Submission Structure Submit Attachment Payload**

The section contains conceptual diagrams and concrete examples of the VSO to DAS to EFSS submitAttachment payload submission structure.

1.7.1. **VSO to DAS Submission Structure**

The ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest element includes the Document element which contains the submitAttachmentRequestMessage in a Base 64 format.

**Figure 7 – ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest Conceptual Diagram**

```xml
<ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest
  <Document
    <submitAttachmentRequestMessage>
      (in a Base64 format)
    </submitAttachmentRequestMessage>
  </Document>
</ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest>
```

**Figure 8 – ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest Example**

```xml
<urn:ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest>
  <urn1:SubmitObjectsRequest id="a36d9442-e184-40e6-8b96-70c22f83dce7" >
    ...
    ...(Elements truncated for readability)
    ...
    </urn1:SubmitObjectsRequest>
  ...
  <urn:Document id="0003" >PHYxOnN1Y...(Base64 payload truncated for readability)
    ...
    ...
    ==</urn:Document>
</urn:ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest>
```
1.7.2. DAS to EFSS Submission Structure

The submitAttachmentRequestMessage element contains the Document element which contains a PDF version of the Form526EZ (in the case of 526EZ transmission), another form or a supporting document attachment all of which are in a Base 64 format.

**Figure 9 – submitAttachmentRequestMessage Conceptual Diagram**

```
<submitAttachmentRequestMessage
  <Document
    <Attachment PDF>
      (in a Base64 format)
    </Attachment PDF>
  </Document>
</submitAttachmentRequestMessage>
```

**Figure 10 – submitAttachmentRequestMessage Example**

```
<v1:submitAttachmentRequestMessage xmlns:v1="http://viers.va.gov/efss/v1">
  ...
  <v1:sender>
    ...(Element truncated for readability)
  </v1:sender>
  <v1:attachmentInfo>
    ...
    <v1:Document id="0003" >PD94bWwg...(Base64 payload truncated for readability)
    ...
    ==</v1:Document>
    ...(Element truncated for readability)
  </v1:attachmentInfo>
</v1:submitAttachmentRequestMessage>
```
1.7.3. VSO to DAS Submit Attachment Payload Creation

This section will detail the step for the creation of the PDF attachment form payload that will be compatible with the DAS and EFSS WSDL and XSD specifications.

1. The attachment PDF file must be converted to a Base 64 Encoded format

2. The EFSS X.X zip file, where X.X is the current D2D release contained in the VACI web site, contains a file named EFSSTypes.xsd. This file contains the XSD template for the submitAttachmentRequestMessage element. Create and populate an XML file using this template. The Base64 encoded format file created in step 1 is inserted in the document element that is contained in the attachmentInfo element

3. Convert the file created using the submitAttachmentRequestMessage template to a Base 64 Encoded format

4. The VSO submits a 21-526EZ payload with claim initiation information using the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bRequest operation hosted by the DAS XDRRequestService service. The service operation uses the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest message. The DAS_Gateway_ICD.docx on the VACI web site contains an imbedded file named XDRRequestService2.xsd that contains the XSD definition. The Base64 encoded format file created in step 3 is inserted in the document element that is contained in the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest message.
2. **XDRRequestService Operation Options Hosted by DAS Which Are Used by the VSO**

This focus of this section is on the DAS XDRRequestService options, hosted in DAS that are invoked by the VSO.

### 2.1. ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bRequest

The ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bRequest operation uses the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest message for communication from the VSO to DAS. There are four supported EFSS operation options that can be used in the valueList parameter contained in the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest message. The values are as follows:

- VSO.submitForm
- VSO.submitAttachment
- VSO.checkStatus
- VSO.confirmSubmission

#### 2.1.1. VSO.submitForm Option

The ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest message contains a number of name/value pair elements, the element that controls the routing from DAS to EFSS component is shown in the following diagrams.

```
<urn3:Slot name="operationName" >
  <urn3:ValueList>
    <urn3:Value>VSO.submitForm</urn3:Value>
  </urn3:ValueList>
</urn3:Slot>
```

Imbedded in the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest message is the Base64 encoded submitFormRequestMessage message. Within the message is the formType element that identifies the appropriate FSS framework form specific component that will be utilized.

```
<v1:formInfo>
  <v1:formType>21-526EZ</v1:formType>
  ...
  ...
</v1:formInfo>
```
This is a **ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest** submit form construct with the Base 64 Encoded element truncated for readability.
2.1.2. VSO submitAttachmentForm Option

The **ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest** message name/value pairs for the submitAttachmentForm follows:

```xml
<urn3:Slot name="operationName">
  <urn3:ValueList>
    <urn3:Value> VSO.submitAttachmentForm </urn3:Value>
  </urn3:ValueList>
</urn3:Slot>
```

**Figure 12 – ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest Submit Attachment Example**

```xml
<urn:ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest>
  <urn1:SubmitObjectsRequest id="a36d9442-e184-40e6-8b96-70c22f83dce7">
    <!--Zero or more repetitions:-->  
    <urn3:Slot name="operationName">
      <urn3:ValueList>
        <urn3:Value> VSO.submitAttachment </urn3:Value>
      </urn3:ValueList>
    </urn3:Slot>
    <urn3:Slot name="originatingOrganizationName">
      <urn3:ValueList>
        <urn3:Value>vso_sms_dev</urn3:Value>
      </urn3:ValueList>
    </urn3:Slot>
    <urn3:Slot name="originatingApplicationName">
      <urn3:ValueList>
        <urn3:Value>Auto-CEST</urn3:Value>
      </urn3:ValueList>
    </urn3:Slot>
  </urn1:SubmitObjectsRequest>
  <urn:Document id="0003" >PHYx ⋯ Z lc3RNZXNzYWdlPg==</urn:Document>
</urn:ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest>
```

This is a ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest submit attachment construct with the Base 64 Encoded element truncated for readability.
2.1.3. VSO checkStatus Option

The **ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest** message name/value pair for the checkStatus follows:

```xml
<urn3:Slot name="operationName" >
  <urn3:ValueList>
    <urn3:Value>VSO.checkStatus</urn3:Value>
  </urn3:ValueList>
</urn3:Slot>
```

2.1.4. VSO confirmSubmission option

The **ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest** message name/value pair for the confirmSubmission follows:

```xml
<urn3:Slot name="operationName" >
  <urn3:ValueList>
    <urn3:Value>VSO.confirmSubmission</urn3:Value>
  </urn3:ValueList>
</urn3:Slot>
```
2.2. ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponse

2.2.1. EFSSResponseType

The ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponse operation uses the RegistryResponse message for response communications from the EFSS to DAS and DAS to the VSO. The RegistryResponse message has a number of elements that are populated with pertinent response information. These elements are contained within the EFSSResponseType element which is contained in the submitFormResponseMessage element. The response information element follows:

```xml
<NS1:submitFormResponseMessage xmlns:NS1="http://viers.va.gov/efss/v1">
  ...
  ...
  <NS1:EFSSResponseType>
    <NS1:status>Success</NS1:status>
    <NS1:code>Success</NS1:code>
    <NS1:value>Form has been submitted successfully</NS1:value>
  </NS1:EFSSResponseType>
</NS1:submitFormResponseMessage>
```

2.2.2. VSO.submitForm-response

The RegistryResponse message contains a number of name/value pair elements. The element that defines an acknowledgement of the processing performed a result of a VSO.submitForm is shown in the following diagram.

```xml
<Slot xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:xsd:rim:3.0" name="operationName">
  <ValueList>
    <Value>VSO.submitForm-response</Value>
  </ValueList>
</Slot>
```

2.2.3. VSO.submitAttachmentForm-response

The RegistryResponse message contains a number of name/value pair elements. The element that defines an acknowledgement of the processing performed a result of a VSO.submitAttachmentForm is shown in the following diagram.

```xml
<Slot xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:xsd:rim:3.0" name="operationName">
  <ValueList>
    <Value>VSO.submitAttachmentForm-response</Value>
  </ValueList>
</Slot>
```
3. XDRResponseService Operation Options Hosted by the VSO Which are Used by DAS

This focus of this section is on the DAS XDRResponseService operation options, hosted by the VSO, that are invoked by DAS.

3.1. ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponse using the RegistryResponse Message

The ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponse operation uses the RegistryResponse message for communication from the VSO to DAS. There are two supported operation options that can be used in the valueList parameter contained in the RegistryResponse message. The values are as follows:
- VSO.submitForm-response
- VSO.submitAttachmentForm-response

3.1.1. VSO.submitForm-response Option

The RegistryRequest message contains a number of name/value pair elements, the element that defines a submit form response is shown in the following diagram.

```
<Slot xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:xsd:rim:3.0" name="operationName"/>
<ValueList>
  <Value>VSO.submitForm-response</Value>
</ValueList>
</Slot>
```

3.1.2. VSO.submitAttachmentForm-response Option

The RegistryRequest message contains a number of name/value pair elements, the element that defines a submit attachment form response is shown in the following diagram.

```
<Slot xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:ebxml-regrep:xsd:rim:3.0" name="operationName"/>
<ValueList>
  <Value>VSO.submitAttachmentForm-response</Value>
</ValueList>
</Slot>
```

3.2. ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponse using the Acknowledgement Message

The ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponse operation uses the Acknowledgement message for communication from DAS to the VSO. The Acknowledgement message is shown in the following diagram.

```
<Acknowledgement>
  <message>SUCCESS</message>
</Acknowledgement>
```
4. DAS Request and Response Service Operations WSDLs

Section 2 XDRRequestService Operation Options Hosted by DAS Which Are Used by the VSO and section 3 XDRResponseService Operation Options Hosted by the VSO Which are Used by DAS. The DAS Request and Response Services each contain two WSDL files with the same name except one is suffixed with a 0. The 0 suffixed WSDL contains the Message and Port Type elements which describe the service operations and operation elements. These two files are included in this section.

4.1. DAS XDRRequestService WSDL

XDRRequestService0.wsdl

4.2. DAS XDRResponse Service WSDL

XDRResponseService0.wsdl
5. **Service Messaging Protocol using Sequence Diagrams**

The service messaging protocol is defined using the 21-526EZ form as an example. The 21-526EZ form processing from a form transmittal perspective is basically the same for all forms. The only difference is the makeup and creation of the payload for each specific form.

Section
Section 1.3 D2D Transaction Lexicon

The submitForm invocation is a transmission that is part of a submission. This submission will become complete when all the submitAttachment transmission(s) occur.

The submitForm and submitAttachment transmissions are logically part of a single submission but they are physically separate transmissions.

The communication link between DAS and VIERS EFSS is multi-threaded; since the form and each attachment are sent as individual transmissions it is possible for the attachment(s) to be received by the EFSS before the form which will result in an error response because the Manifest has not been opened for the form. To avoid this problem, the VSO sender must wait for the receipt of the asynchronous submitFormResponseMessage, which is contained in the RegistryResponse DAS message, before submitting attachments.
5.1. Form Transmission Protocol

The following 21-526EZ sequence diagrams details the flow of submitForm processing.
- 21-526 form PDF attachment transmission starts here
- DAS will wait for responses generated by EFSS processing

The elements will be detailed in the following section:
- 5.1.1 Form Transmission Protocol

Figure 13 - 21-526 Submit Form Submission Sequence Diagram
5.1.1. Form Transmission Protocol

1. ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bRequest operation hosted by the DAS XDRRequestService service. The service operation uses the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest message which contains among other data elements; the Base64 encoded 21-526 XML payload

2. DAS will respond to the VSO by returning an Acknowledgement response message populated with "SUCCESS: Request Received"

3. DAS will continue the operation using the EFSS submitForm operation hosted by the EFSService service. The service operation uses the submitFormRequestMessage which is replicated in the DAS ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest message.

4. EFSS will respond back to DAS using the using submitFormResponseMessage message. The VSO must wait for this response forwarded through DAS (see item 7 below) before submitting attachments to assure that the Manifest will be open to receive the attachments.

5. EFSS will also respond back to DAS when it’s processing (successful/unsuccessful) has completed using the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponse operation hosted by the DAS XDRRequestService service the using the RegistryResponse message

6. EFSS will acknowledge to DAS by returning an Acknowledgement response element populated with "SUCCESS: Request Received"

7. DAS will forward the RegistryResponse message sent by EFSS to the VSO. It will use the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponse operation hosted by the VSO’s DAS XDRResponse Service implementation. The message contains among other data elements, the Form Submission completion data: See the latest version of the D2D_VSO_Interface_Dictionary Updates for this message.

8. The VSO will respond to DAS by returning an Acknowledgement response message populated with "SUCCESS"

NOTE: Some of the preceding bullet items define interaction behavior between DAS and EFSS. These operations are not visible from a VSO perspective. It was added for clarity as it is referenced in the above 21-256EZ submitForm Transmission sequence diagram,

A detail explanation of the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest and RegistryResponse message elements can be found in the D2D_VSO_Interface_Dictionary Updates Inc3It5.0.xlsx spreadsheet where 5.0 is the current D2D release contained in the VACI web site.

A detailed explanation of the submitFormRequestMessage element can also be found in this D2D_VSO_Interface_Dictionary spreadsheet.
5.2. **Attachment Submission Protocol**

The following 21-526EZ sequence diagrams details the flow of submitAttachment processing:

- 21-526 form PDF attachment transmission starts here
- PDF attachment transmission starts here
- Final Form Processing starts here

The elements will be detailed in the following sections:

- **5.2.1 Form PDF Attachment Transmission Protocol**
- **5.2.2 Supporting Document PDF Attachment Transmission Protocol**
- **5.2.3 Final Form Processing Protocol**
EFSS Consists of
EFSSService
and DAS XDRResponseService Client

DAS Consists of EFSSService
and DAS XDRRequestService Client

Figure 14 - 21-526 Submit Attachment Submission Sequence Sequence Diagram

21-526 form PDF attachment transmission starts here

From this point on DAS will wait for responses generated by EFSS processing effectively transitioning the VSO and DAS into an asynchronous mode

Supporting Document PDF attachment transmission starts here

From this point on DAS will wait for responses generated by EFSS processing effectively transitioning the VSO and DAS into an asynchronous mode

Final Form Processing starts here

EFSSService
and DAS XDRResponseService Client

EFSSService
and DAS XDRResponseService Client
5.2.1. Form PDF Attachment Transmission Protocol

1. A VSO submits 21-526 Form Base64 PDF attachment payload using the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bRequest operation hosted by the DAS XDRRequestService service. The service operation uses the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest message which contains the Base64 encoded 21-526 Form PDF attachment payload.

2. DAS will respond to the VSO by returning an Acknowledgement response message populated with "SUCCESS: Request Received".

3. DAS will continue the operation using the EFSS submitAttachment operation hosted by the EFSService service. The service operation uses the submitAttachmentRequestMessage message.

4. EFSS will respond back to DAS using the submitAttachmentResponseMessage message.

5. EFSS will also respond back to DAS when it’s processing (successful/unnecessary) has completed using the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponse operation hosted by the DAS XDRRequestService service the using the RegistryResponse message.

6. DAS will acknowledge to EFSS by returning an Acknowledgement response message populated with "SUCCESS".

7. DAS will forward the RegistryResponse message sent by EFSS to the VSO. It will use the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponse an operation hosted by the VSO’s DAS XDRResponse Service implementation. The message contains among other data elements, the Form Submission completion data:

   See the latest version of the D2D_VSO_Interface_Dictionary Updates for this message.

8. The VSO will respond to DAS by returning an Acknowledgement response message populated with "SUCCESS".

The Submission Polling Service will continue running periodically to check "hold area" in-flight storage for complete attachment submissions.

NOTE: Some of the preceding bullet items define interaction behavior between DAS and EFSS. These operations are not visible from a VSO perspective. It was added for clarity as it is referenced in the above submitAttachment Transmission sequence diagram.
5.2.2. Supporting Document PDF Attachment Transmission Protocol

The processing for the PDF Attachment is exactly the same as described in section 5.2.1 Form PDF Attachment Transmission Protocol so this process will not be detailed here.

5.2.3. Final Form Processing Protocol

1. Submission Polling Service has detected a complete attachment submission and will begin extracting attachments from the "Hold Area" in-flight storage.

2. EFSS will respond to DAS with the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponse operation using the using the RegistryResponse.

3. DAS will acknowledge to EFSS by returning an Acknowledgement response element populated with "SUCCESS".

4. DAS will forward the RegistryResponse message sent by EFSS to the VSO. It will use the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponse operation hosted by the VSO’s DAS XDRResponse Service implementation. The message contains among other data elements, the Form Submission completion data:

   See the latest version of the D2D_VSO_Interface_Dictionary Updates for this message.

5. The VSO will acknowledge to DAS by returning an Acknowledgement response element populated with "SUCCESS"

   • NOTE: Some of the preceding bullet items define interactions behavior between DAS and EFSS. These operations are not visible from a VSO perspective. It was added for clarity as it is referenced in the above submitAttachment Transmission sequence diagram.
6. **Service Messaging Protocol using Component/Collaboration Diagrams**

Section 5 **Service Messaging** Protocol defined the service protocol from a Sequence Diagram perspective. This section will define the Service Messaging Protocol using a combination of a component and a collaboration diagram.

This section will document the submitForm and submitFormAttachment operations using the combination Component/Collaboration diagram.
6.1. Submit Form Service Messaging Protocol

The sequence of component interactions is defined by the numbered circles on the diagram. Numbers with a .1 reference (e.g. 1.1) signify a synchronous communication between components between layers on the component stack. This was done to highlight the intra-component stack touch points.

**Figure 15 - Submit Form Component/Collaboration Diagram**

Placement of Base64 form submitted into the "Hold Area" In-Flight storage is executed at this point.
6.2. **Submit Attachment Service Messaging Protocol**

The sequence of component interactions is defined by the numbered circles on the diagram. Numbers with a .1 reference (e.g. 1.1) signify a synchronous communication between components between layers on the component stack. This was done to highlight the intra-component stack touch points.

**Figure 16 - Submit Attachment Component/Collaboration Diagram**
7. Service Protocol Payload Examples

Section 5 Service Messaging Protocol defined the submitForm and submitFormAttachment scenarios utilizing sequence diagram as well verbiage that detailed the steps. This section will include payload examples mapped back to the numbered items in the sequence diagrams.

7.1. Form Transmission Protocol Example

This section maps the submitForm numbered items in the sequence diagram contained in section 5.1 Form Transmission Protocol.

**Step 1:** ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bRequest operation using the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest message
This link contains the submitFormRequest.xml file corresponding to this step:

![submitFormRequest](submitFormRequest.png)

**Step 2:** ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bRequest operation using the Acknowledgement message
This link contains the SUCCESS: Request Received message corresponding to this step:

![submitFormRequestResponse](submitFormRequestResponse.png)

**Step 7:** ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponse operation using the RegistryResponse message
This link contains the submitFormResponse.xml file corresponding to this step:

![submitFormResponse](submitFormResponse.png)

**Step 8:** ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponseResponse using Acknowledgement “SUCCESS: Request Received”
This link contains the submitFormResponseResponse.xml file corresponding to this step:

![submitFormResponseResponse](submitFormResponseResponse.png)
7.2. Attachment Submission Protocol Example

7.2.1. Form PDF Attachment Transmission Protocol Example

This section maps the submitFormAttachment numbered items in the sequence diagram contained in section 5.2 Attachment Submission Protocol.

**Step 1:** ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bRequest operation using the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSetRequest message

This link contains the `submitAttachmentFormRequest.xml` file corresponding to this step:

![submitAttachmentFormRequest.xml]

**Step 2:** ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bRequestResponse operation using the Acknowledgement message

This link contains the **SUCCESS: Request Received** message corresponding to this step:

![submitAttachmentFormRequestResponse.xml]

**Step 7:** ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponse operation using the RegistryResponse message

This link contains the `submitAttachmentFormResponse.xml` file corresponding to this step:

![submitAttachmentFormResponse.xml]

**Step 8:** ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponseResponse operation using the Acknowledgement message

This link contains the **SUCCESS: Request Received** message corresponding to this step:

![submitAttachmentFormResponseResponse.xml]
7.2.2. PDF Attachment Transmission Protocol Example

The mapping of the PDF Attachment is exactly the same as described in section 7.2.1 Form PDF Attachment Transmission Protocol Example so this process will not be detailed here.
7.2.3. Final Form Processing Protocol Example

This section maps the Final Form Processing items in the sequence diagram contained in section 5.2.3 Final Form Processing Protocol.

Step 3: ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponse operation using the RegistryResponse message
This link contains the submitFormResponseMessage.xml file corresponding to this step:

![FinalFormResponseMessage.xml](image)

Step 4: ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponse operation using the Acknowledgement message
This link contains the SUCCESS: Request Received message corresponding to this step:

![FinalFormResponseMessageResponse.xml](image)
8. **Service Scenarios**

This section will provide various VSO to DAS interaction scenarios ranging from the happy path to recoverable to unrecoverable error situations. This document will consist of a subset of the 21-526-EZ sequence diagrams contained in section 5 **Service Messaging** Protocol.

The transmission configuration of all of the following scenario examples will consist of the transmission of a 21-526EZ form and a single PDF which is the PDF version of the 21-526EZ form.

For purposes of simplification and clarity, the sequence diagrams used in this section will contain these operations only:

- **ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bRequest** request operations sent from the VSO to DAS
- **ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bResponse** response operation sent from the DAS to the VSO.

With an emphasis on the response operations sent from the DAS to the VSO.

Section 5 **Service Messaging** Protocol supplies a more detail operation interaction view.

The scenario completion state will be categorized by:

- Successful
- Recoverable Failure
- Non-recoverable failure
8.1. **Successful 21-526EZ submission**

This scenario is an example of successful 526EZ submitForm and submitAttachments submission.

**Figure 17 – Successful 21-526EZ Form/Attachment Submission**

Response Results:
1. Successful Form transmission
2. Successful Attachment transmission
3. Successful Complete Submission

**Completion State:**
Successful

**Remediation Strategy:**
Because this is a successful scenario remediation is not required
8.2. Unsuccessful 21-526EZ submission - Business Rule Failure

This scenario is an example of 526EZ submitForm and submitAttachments submission that fails the Pre-Discharge claim submission business rule.

Figure 18 – Unsuccessful 21-526EZ Form/Attachment Submission

Response Results:
1. Successful Form transmission
2. Successful Attachment transmission
3. Unsuccessful Complete Submission

Completion State
Unrecoverable:

Remediation Strategy:
Because this is an unrecoverable violation of a business rule, remediation is not possible
8.3. **Unsuccessful 21-526EZ Submission – Failure to Connect to DAS at Beginning of Submission**

This scenario is an example of 526EZ submitForm and submitAttachments submission that fails to connect to DAS at beginning of submission.

**Figure 19 – Unsuccessful 21-526EZ Form/Attachment Submission**

![Diagram of VSO and DAS communication](image)

**Response Results:**
1. No Response from DAS

**Completion State:**
Potentially recoverable with the **Additional Supporting Document Submission** option or an entire form and attachment resubmission

**Remediation Strategy:**
1. Validate that the correct DAS Request Service end point is being used
2. If end point is correct:
   a. Submit the **ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bRequest** operation to DAS using the **VSO.checkStatus** option
   b. If the **VSO.checkStatus** option submission indicates that the transaction can be re-initiated, resubmit the attachment using the Additional Supporting Documents option
   c. If the **VSO.checkStatus** option submission indicates that the transaction cannot be re-initiated, purge the submission by submitting the **ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bRequest** operation using the **VSO.confirmSubmission** option then resubmit the entire form/attachment
3. If the resubmission steps above fails, utilize an alternative submission source (e.g., Centralized Mail)
8.4. Unsuccessful 21-526EZ Submission – DAS Response Failure during Submission Processing

This scenario is an example of 526EZ submitForm and submitAttachments submission that fails to receive a response from DAS in a time frame that is beyond the anticipated DAS response period.

Figure 20 – Unsuccessful 21-526EZ Form/Attachment Submission

Response Results:
1. Successful Form transmission
2. Successful Attachment transmission
3. No Response from DAS

Completion State:
Potentially recoverable with the Additional Supporting Document Submission option or an entire form and attachment resubmission

Remediation Strategy:
1. The form was processed and the corresponding form attachment was placed in the in-flight storage “hold area”. This is validated by the form and attachment success response messages
2. Submit the **ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bRequest** operation to DAS using the **VSO.checkStatus** option
   
   3. If the **VSO.checkStatus** option submission indicates that the transaction can be re-initiated, resubmit the attachment using the Additional Supporting Documents option.

4. If the **VSO.checkStatus** option submission indicates that the transaction cannot be re-initiated, purge the submission by submitting the **ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bRequest** operation using the **VSO.confirmSubmission** option then resubmit the entire form/attachment.

5. If the resubmission steps above fails, utilize an alternative submission source (e.g., Centralized Mail)
8.5. Unsuccessful 21-526EZ Submission - VDC Error

This scenario is an example of 526EZ submitForm and submitAttachments submission that encounters a VDC (in flight storage “hold area”) error.

Response Results:
1. Successful Form transmission
2. Error from DAS/EFSS

Completion State:
Potentially recoverable with the Additional Supporting Document Submission option or an entire form and attachment resubmission

Remediation Strategy:
1. The form was processed. This is validated by the form success response messages
2. Submit the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bRequest operation to DAS using the VSO.checkStatus option
3. If the VSO.checkStatus option submission indicates that the transaction can be re-initiated, resubmit the attachment using the Additional Supporting Documents option
4. If the VSO.checkStatus option submission indicates that the transaction cannot be re-initiated, purge the submission by submitting the ProvideAndRegisterDocumentSet-bRequest operation using the VSO.confirmSubmission option then resubmit the entire form/attachment
5. If the resubmission steps above fails, utilize an alternative submission source (e.g., Centralized Mail)