



ECAPE

Electronic Case Adjudication Processing Environment

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Intake Will Go Live in March

Since November 2016, a limited number of Central Operations (CO) team members have been using the beta version of ECAPE, and have already processed more than 2500 cases in it. The beta testing period is now coming to an end. The ECAPE team anticipates going "live" with the Intake portion of ECAPE to the CO team in March!

MYTH BUSTER:

ECAPE is a reality! Central Operations has already processed more than 2500 cases in ECAPE since last year!

What's involved? First, we will provide training to CO staff. The training will cover all steps in the ECAPE Intake process, from receipt of a Request for Hearing through assignment to an ALJ team. The training will be delivered by CO Subject Matter Experts, supplemented by the HQ ECAPE cadre. After the training, ECAPE will be turned on for all Central Operations staff to use to process cases. A big thank you to CO for all of their efforts in achieving this milestone!!

In the LOOP: Adjudication update

The ECAPE team is still working on the development of an interim release for Adjudication, which will allow users to process some requests for withdrawals from intake to case closure. The release will be limited initially to two teams. Despite these limitations, this mini-release will allow us to test critical elements of ECAPE, including:

- Assignment
- Document Generation
- Closing an Appeal
- Data Interfaces between MAS and ECAPE

It will also allow us to evaluate the system in a production environment, and obtain user feedback that can be used in the development of the rest of ECAPE. This release will be followed with a second interim release that will allow the field offices to process DME remand cases in ECAPE. We are also exploring expanding this release to incorporate additional appeal processing initiatives.

