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Attention: Health Information Managers - For Action
VEMD Submission Officers - For Action
ESIS Submission Officers - For Action
VAED/VEMD/ESIS Software Suppliers - For Action

The Health Data Standards and Systems Unit has produced Issue 30 of the Health Data Standards & Systems (HDSS) Bulletin in electronic format only. The Bulletin has been posted onto our website at <http://hdss.health.gov.au> and can be viewed as both a browseable and downloadable file. The complete subject index for all editions of the HDSS Bulletin can also be found at this site.

Individuals who have previously provided us with their email address will also receive an emailed copy of the Bulletin.

Bulletin 30 provides information regarding some important issues including:

- TAC DRG statements
- HDSS Forum
- Updated list of registered MAPU and SOU

Please download the document from our web site. If you do not have internet access at your hospital, please contact the HDSS Help Desk to obtain a hard copy of this Bulletin. It is essential that this document be distributed to relevant staff in your organisation.

Yours faithfully,

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HDSS Update

30.1 HDSS Forum

As advised in HDSS Bulletin 29, the HDSS Forum was held at St Vincent's Hospital on Thursday 13 December 2001.

During the forum, the proposals for revisions to the VAED, VEMD and ESIS datasets for 2002 – 2002 were presented and discussed. Many thoughtful and constructive issues were raised and these will all be given thorough consideration during the development of the Final Specifications for 1 July 2002.

HDSS would like to thank all those that attended the Forum for their participation. For those who were unable to attend, the minutes will be made available on the HDSS website shortly.

Proposals for Revisions documents for all three datasets were distributed prior to the Forum. These can be accessed at <http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au>.

30.2 Department of Human Services Restructure

As of 1 December 2001, the Department of Human Services has undergone an internal restructure. Under the restructure, the branches and units of the Acute Health Division, as well as the Mental Health branch, have been absorbed into a new Metropolitan Health and Aged Care Services Division. A second division, the Rural and Regional Health and Aged Care is now responsible for issues relating to Aged Care, Primary Care, Public Health and Home and Community Care.

As a result of this restructure the address for the HDSS Internet Website has been re-located to a new address <http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au>.

For a short time both the old and new websites will operate simultaneously. Eventually the files attached to the old site (<http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/ahs/hdss/index.htm>) will be removed, leaving a link to the new web site. Please ensure to reset your Browser 'favourites' or 'bookmarks' to the new site.

Please note that the email address for individual HDSS staff members and help desks remain the same.

Global Reference Files

30.3 Registered Medical Assessment and Planning Units (MAPU) and Short Stay Observation Units (SOU)

Short Stay Observation Unit

The following hospitals now have registered SOUs.

Hospital Code	Hospital
1590	Angliss Hospital
1031	Austin and Repatriation Medical Centre [Austin campus]
1050	Box Hill Hospital
2220	Frankston Hospital
1210	Maroondah Hospital
1331	Royal Melbourne Hospital

The following hospitals now have temporary registered SOUs.

Hospital Code	Hospital
1450	St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) Ltd [Fitzroy]
1390	Sunshine Hospital

Medical Assessment and Planning Unit

The following hospitals now have registered SOUs.

Hospital Code	Hospital
1180	Western Hospital

The following hospitals now have temporary registered MAPUs.

Hospital Code	Hospital
1031	Austin and Repatriation Medical Centre [Austin campus]
1450	St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) Ltd [Fitzroy]

Transport Accident Commission (TAC) Fees and Invoice Processing for 2001 – 2002

30.4 TAC Admitted Patients

The Department of Human Services has agreed to extend existing TAC admitted patient fees for the second quarter of 2001 – 2002. First quarter arrangements were previously advised in HDSS Bulletin 29. Similar processes for invoicing apply for the second quarter as detailed below.

Acute

All admitted patient statements generated for 1 October 2001 to 31 December 2001 separations will be at the base rate of \$2011 per Weighted Inlier Equivalent Separation (WIES9).

In mid-December 2001, Allegiance produced a batch of statements for 2001 – 2002 second quarter data received up to the December 2001 consolidation (N.B. this process did not require the hospital to retransmit separation details for TAC patients in order to generate statements). Any new or amended second quarter records transmitted following the batch run will result in automatic admitted patient statement generation. Once admitted patient statements have been received, hospitals may invoice TAC for second quarter activity.

TAC and the Department have yet to determine the new schedule of rates for the third quarter onwards. Therefore admitted patient statements for separations occurring on or after 1 January 2002 will not be generated until further notice.

Sub-Acute (Rehabilitation) fees

The Department advises that hospitals may invoice TAC relating to rehabilitation services for the second quarter of 2001 – 2002. That is, all separations relating to rehabilitation services from 1 October 2001 to 31 December 2001 can be invoiced at the following rates:

Level 1 (Care Type 2): \$360 per day

Level 2 (Care Type 6): \$300 per day

Level 3 (Care Type 7): \$300 per day

TAC and the Department have yet to determine the new schedule of rates for activity on or after 1 January 2002. Hospitals are requested not to invoice TAC for rehabilitation activity on or after 1 January 2002 until further notice.

HDSS Bulletin by Dataset

The following table illustrates previously released HDSS Bulletins and the dataset to which they relate.

All previous HDSS Bulletins are available on the HDSS website located at <http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/ahs/hdss/bulletin.htm>. If you are unable to access the website please contact the HDSS Helpdesk to request any previously released HDSS Bulletins.

HDSS Bulletin No:	Date released:	Dataset:			
		VAED / PRS/2	VEMD	ESIS	Other info
Bulletin 1	01 July 1999	✓	✓	✓	
Bulletin 2	15 July 1999	✓			
Bulletin 3	02 August 1999	✓	✓	✓	
Bulletin 4	09 September 1999		✓	✓	
Bulletin 5	08 October 1999	✓	✓	✓	
Bulletin 6	13 October 1999	✓			
Bulletin 7	09 November 1999	✓	✓		✓
Bulletin 8	24 December 1999	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 9	10 March 2000	✓	✓		✓
Bulletin 10	26 April 2000	✓			
Bulletin 11	16 May 2000	✓			
Bulletin 12	28 June 2000	✓	✓		
Bulletin 13	19 July 2000	✓			
Bulletin 14	20 July 2000	✓			
Bulletin 15	08 August 2000	✓	✓		✓
Bulletin 16	25 September 2000	✓	✓		
Bulletin 17	29 September 2000			✓	
Bulletin 18	18 October 2000			✓	
Bulletin 19	27 October 2000	✓	✓	✓	
Bulletin 20	05 April 2001	✓		✓	✓
Bulletin 21	27 April 2001	✓			✓
Bulletin 22	22 May 2001	✓		✓	
Bulletin 23	18 June 2001	✓		✓	
Bulletin 24	30 July 2001	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 25	03 September 2001		✓		
Bulletin 26	05 September 2001	✓			✓
Bulletin 27	07 September 2001	✓			
Bulletin 28	14 September 2001			✓	
Bulletin 29	01 November 2001	✓	✓		
Bulletin 30	09 January 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓

HDSS Contact Details

The Health Data Standards and Systems (HDSS) Unit of the Acute Health Division manages three Victorian hospital data collections:

- Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)
- Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)
- Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS).

The *Health Data Standards and Systems Bulletin*, produced on an ad hoc basis by HDSS, provides:

- Answers to common questions recently directed to the HDSS Help Desk,
- Directives for implementation of revisions to data collection specifications (VAED, VEMD, ESIS), including notification of amendments to specified data collection reference tables,
- Feedback on selected data quality studies undertaken, and
- Information on upcoming events.

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