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Attention: Health Information Managers - For Information  
Hospital IT Departments – For Information  
VAED Software Suppliers - For Information

The Health Data Standards and Systems Unit has produced Issue 31 of the Health Data Standards and Systems (HDSS) Bulletin in electronic format only. The Bulletin has been posted onto our website at <http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au/bulletin/31-180202.htm> and can be viewed as both a browseable and downloadable file. To view the complete subject index for every edition of the HDSS Bulletin, please refer to <http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au/bulletin/index.htm>

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

Bulletin 31 provides information regarding the forthcoming implementation of the PRS/2 replacement system at Allegiance Systems.

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.

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## Replacement of PRS/2

On Friday 22 February 2002, DHS intends to commence implementation of the PRS/2 replacement system. This replacement system has been developed by Aspect Computing to allow the use of recent technologies to overcome existing restraints of the legacy system. While there will be a short changeover period where hospital files will not be processed, the long term impact on hospitals will be minimal.

### Impact of Implementation on Processing Times

To ensure processing of a file prior to the commencement of the cutover period, Allegiance Systems must receive **electronic files** by 5pm on Friday 22 February 2002. Files sent to Allegiance Systems on **disc** must be delivered by 12pm on Friday 22 February 2002. All files received by Allegiance Systems after these times (above) will be stored, but will not be processed, and reports will not be available to hospitals until the commencement of processing on the replacement system.

It is expected that the cutover to the PRS/2 replacement system will be complete by Tuesday 5 March, when processing on the new system will commence.

As there will be a backlog of files to be processed, the time taken for reports to be returned to hospitals may be slightly longer than usual. Hospitals will be advised when live processing commences.

### Revised Deadlines for Data Submission

#### *Modem*

The PRS/2 replacement system is an automated process for data transmitted by modem, and it has been possible to fix the deadlines for modem data submission. Beginning with the March consolidation of the VAED, all data (sent by modem) must be received by 5pm on the 17<sup>th</sup> of each month, regardless of the actual day of the week. The ability to fix this deadline enables hospitals to be sure of a non-moving deadline for final submissions.

#### *Disc*

As data sent on disc requires manual intervention, Allegiance Systems should receive discs by 12pm (noon) on the last working day on or before the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month. These conditions apply to all PRS/2 files *regardless of the file Header Dates*.

Note that Allegiance will be unable to process any files received after these deadlines until the monthly processing for VAED file consolidation is completed. Allegiance Systems must receive all data required for the monthly consolidation according to these timelines.

## Reports

Staff handling PRS/2 reports will note that the Transmitted Transaction Report has minimal format changes. After the initial cutover period hospitals will receive these reports on the same timelines as they currently do.

Allegiance Systems will continue to generate a hard copy *IES and Related Items* report for all files with an end of month Header Date, however there will be a new method of access to the *IES and Related Items* report produced following the monthly consolidation of the VAED. Allegiance Systems will no longer generate this report following the monthly download. Rather, DHS will make this available to a nominated hospital representative. (Please complete the attached proforma, providing contact details for the preferred recipient for your hospital).

Please contact the HDSS Help Desk with any questions regarding PRS/2 reports.

## Existing and New Edits

Edit parameters and numbers remain as per the *PRS/2 Manual 11<sup>th</sup> Edition*, with the following exceptions:

- Transmission edit 001 *Header Date not valid* has been divided (for programming reasons) into the following edits:
  - 006 Header Start Date is future date
  - 007 Header End Date is future date
  - 008 Header End Date is earlier than Start Date
- One additional edit:
  - 430 Error in request report.

Pages for your PRS/2 Manual describing these edits will be placed on the HDSS website prior to the commencement of live processing.

## Reporting Incidents

Both DHS and Aspect Computing have extensively tested the PRS/2 replacement system. Nevertheless it is likely that live processing may reveal some bugs not brought to light by simulated test cases. Please ensure that you report any such incidents to the HDSS Help Desk either by phone or email. Resolution of these issues will take a high priority.

## 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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