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

The Health Data Standards and Systems Unit has produced Issue 40 of the Health Data Standards & Systems (HDSS) Bulletin in electronic format only. The Bulletin has been posted onto our website at <http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au/bulletin/40-28602.htm> and can be viewed as both a browseable and downloadable file. To view the subject index for every edition of the bulletin, please refer to <http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au/bulletin/index.htm>.

Bulletin 40 provides information regarding:

- Sending Data to Allegiance
- Collecting data for new VAED fields, as of the 1st July
- Coordinated Care Trial Patients
- PRS/2 Training Sessions
- Private Patients Admitted to Hospital In The Home

Please download the document from our web site. If you do not have Internet access, 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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Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

40.1 Sending Data to Allegiance

Some hospitals will have noticed significant delays in PRS/2 processing this week. This was due to problems in the production of this month's VAED consolidated file which have now been rectified. The Department apologises for any inconvenience caused.

Hospitals are also reminded not to transmit 2002/2003 data to Allegiance until advised via a HDSS Bulletin.

40.2 Collecting data for new VAED fields, as of the first of July

For some hospitals, in previous years there has been a delay in the addition of new fields to their patient systems at the commencement of the new financial year. It is suggested that if this occurs, hospitals should consider keeping manual lists of the appropriate data, to enable input at a later time. This is particularly recommended for Duration of NIV hours (those hospitals with approved NICUs and SCNs), in order to avoid the numerous edits associated with this field.

40.3 Coordinated Care Trial Patients

Errata 2 – Specification for Revisions to PRS/2 and the VAED for 1 July 2002, pg 9, indicated that HDSS would provide information on how to identify patients as being Coordinated Care Trial patients for the Funding Arrangement field.

The Funding Arrangement field should report the code 4 *Coordinated Care Trial* when a patient identifies themselves as a Coordinated Care Trial patient. Patients have been told to report this to hospitals each time they are admitted, and for some trials, patients have been given a sticker identifying them as a participant, which should be placed on the back of their Medicare Card.

Hospitals who have not previously had episodes utilizing a Funding Arrangement (Contract, Hub and Spoke or Healthstreams) may not have this field activated. This will need to be rectified if the hospital is likely to admit patients belonging to a Coordinated Care Trial.

40.4 PRS/2 Training Sessions

In response to HDSS Bulletin 37, which requested expressions of interest for PRS/2 Training Sessions, several sessions are now planned, including:

- One regional session (23rd August, Goulburn Valley Health, Shepparton)
- Two metropolitan sessions for current sites (at 555 Collins Street)(dates to be advised)
- One metropolitan session for testing sites (at 555 Collins Street)(date to be advised).

If you wish to attend a PRS/2 Training Sessions but have not yet expressed interest please contact the HDSS Help Desk.

40.5 Private Patients Admitted to Hospital In The Home

The PRS/2 manual on pp2-28 and 3-4 indicates that Hospital in the Home is restricted to public, DVA, TAC and WorkCover patients. However the Commonwealth has released guidelines allowing '...privately insured patients in both public hospitals, private hospitals and day only facilities to receive outreach [hospital in the home] services.' Details regarding this are outlined in the following circulars:

- HBF 740 PH 474 Guidelines for Approved Outreach Services under the Health Legislation Amendment Act (No 1) 2001. Available at:
http://www.health.gov.au/privatehealth/providers/circulars01-02/740_474.htm
- HBF 747 PH 481 Amendment to Guidelines for the Establishment and Implementation of the Private Sector Outreach Services and other general information. Available at:
http://www.health.gov.au/privatehealth/providers/circulars01-02/747_481.htm

These circulars include the following:

- Facilities seeking to provide outreach [hospital in the home] services to private patients will be required to gain Federal Ministerial approval. Only those services that have been approved will be covered by hospital table health insurance and reinsurance arrangements (where eligible).
- Public hospital, private hospital and day facilities wishing to offer an approved outreach service are invited to make an application to the Private Health Industry Branch, Department of Health and Aged Care.

Public hospitals that have a current Hospital In The Home program for public patients are

encouraged to apply for eligibility to admit privately insured patients.

PRS/2 Manual (10th Edition) references will be updated for the 1st July to reflect the eligibility of private patients to receive Hospital in the Home.

HDSS Bulletin by Dataset

This table of previously released HDSS Bulletins identifies the dataset to which they relate.

Previous Bulletins are on the website at <http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au/bulletin/index.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	✓			✓

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Bulletin 31	18 February 2002	✓	✓	✓	
Bulletin 32	14 March 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 33	03 April 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 34	19 April 2002	✓			
Bulletin 35	26 April 2002	✓			
Bulletin 36	22 May 2002	✓			
Bulletin 37	28 May 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 38	21 June 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 39	26 June 2002	✓			✓
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HDSS Contact Details

The Health Data Standards and Systems (HDSS) Unit of the Metropolitan Health and Aged Care 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 HelpDesk,
- 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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