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Bulletin 46 provides information regarding:

- PRS/2 Technical Problems
- Victorian WorkCover Authority (VWA) Invoicing
- IES Reports
- CRAFT Rehabilitation In The Home Episodes
- ESIS Edit S135
- Account Class - NT - Newborn (Transferred and Unqualified this episode)
- Interim Care
- Health Insurance Code Update

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Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

46.1 PRS/2 Technical Problems Rectified

A number of technical problems have been revealed since the processing of 2002–2003 data commenced. HDSS Bulletin 45 detailed revisions made to edits 094, 221, 320, 365 and 442; however, at the time of distribution several further edits and reports were still being investigated. The issues listed below have now been rectified.

Note: a number of these (including rejection edits) relate to Interim Care Patients. Data timeliness deadlines will not apply to any hospital transmitting July E2 records for these patients.

Edit 221: Invalid Admit Source For Newborn

Amendments have been made to Edit 221 as per HDSS Bulletin 45, which allowed the majority of the episodes to be accepted. Additional amendments were required to rectify all problems.

Edit 268: Invalid Comb Legal, Care & PFS

Edit 268 has now been amended to allow for valid combinations for Care Type E and F.

Edit 411: Adm Wt <1000g, No Matching Dx Code

Edit 412: Adm Wt 1000-2499g, No Matching Dx Code

Edits 411 and 412 were not updated with the full range of P07.- codes. These edits have now been amended.

Edit 454: Incompat Fields for Interim Care

Programming errors with Edit 454 have now been rectified.

VAED Monthly Consolidation File

Recent changes in the PRS/2 System at Allegiance resulted in the processing of the Monthly Consolidation file to be extended. As a result processing of PRS/2 Transmissions had to be suspended for several days.

46.2 IES Reports

Hospitals currently receive two IES reports; the first report is generated by Allegiance Systems and distributed with the Control Report while the Department generates the second report after the monthly consolidation on the 17th of each month; the report is then distributed via email.

The IES report layout is currently being amended for the 2002–2003 financial year. Notification of the introduction of the new layout will be advised in a future HDSS Bulletin.

Changes to IES Report Format

The name of the report will be revised to 'Hospital Activity and WIES Report'. All references to a specific WIES version will be removed to ensure that misinterpretations are eliminated in the future.

The old report format consisted of 2 pages whereas the new format will have 3 pages to accommodate changes detailed in the Policy and Funding Guidelines for 2002–2003.

46.2.1 Allegiance Generated IES Reports

These reports are automatically triggered when an end of month transmission is sent.

Hospitals transmitting a run with a July end of month Header Date either will have received or will be receiving the IES reports in the old format.

However, although the headings in the IES Reports stipulate WIES9, the figures calculated in the reports are correctly applying the appropriate WIES for the financial year, regardless of the labels in the report, as set out in this table:

If you Header record date is	If your IES Report has 2 pages, saying WIES 9	If your IES Report has 3 pages, saying WIES (New format not yet implemented)
June 2002	WIES figures are WIES 9	WIES figures are WIES 9
July 2002	WIES figures are WIES 10	WIES figures are WIES 10

46.2.2 Department Generated IES Reports

The Department has not yet been able to produce the IES reports that are normally generated after each month's consolidation: technical problems have delayed provision of the file for the July consolidation. The Department hopes to receive the file next week (beginning 26 August). The reports will be then emailed and put on the web as quickly as possible.

46.3 Account Class NT – Newborn (Transferred and Unqualified this episode)

HDSS Bulletin 45.1 instructed hospitals to provisionally use the following diagnosis code for episodes with an Account Class of 'NT':

Z76.8 Persons encountering health services in other specified circumstances

The Victorian ICD Coding Committee has now considered the issue and advised that hospitals should allocate the following diagnosis code:

Z76.2 Health supervision and care of other healthy infant and child

Note that the instructions in HDSS Bulletin 45.1 to admit all of these babies, applies equally to private and public hospitals.

46.4 Health Insurance Fund Code Update

The Health Insurance Fund code for the 'Government Employees Health Fund' is now:

Code	Descriptor
AHM	Australian Health Management Group

46.5 Interim Care

For your information, the following health services are participating in Interim Care reporting for 2002–2003:

- Western Health
- Northern Health
- Eastern Health
- Melbourne Health
- Southern Health
- Peninsula Health
- St Vincent's Health

46.6 CRAFT Rehabilitation In The Home Episodes

There appears to be some confusion in relation to reporting 'Rehabilitation in the Home' (RITH) type episodes under the CRAFT model. To enable future identification of costs and further development of the CRAFT model to incorporate RITH, reporting of these episodes differs from DHS reporting requirements for HITH. The following confirms details provided in Departmental information sessions during the introduction of CRAFT and provides additional instruction:

When hospitals are reporting a rehabilitation episode under the CRAFT model and part of the care is delivered in a home setting, the patient is to be formally separated when leaving the inpatient unit and a new formal admission is to be created for the portion of the episode of care received in the home, therefore creating two formal admissions for the patient, even when the patient's Care Type changes from Care Type 2 in the admitted episode to Care Type 6 in the RITH episode.

For all separations to RITH, use:

- Separation Type K *Other formal separation*

For all admissions to RITH, use:

- Admission Source Z *Other formal admission source*

DHS will consider creating a new Care Type for the 2003-2004 data collection to enable identification of different episodes of care if this proves to be an ongoing reporting requirement during the development of the CRAFT model.

46.7 Victorian WorkCover Authority (VWA)

Invoicing VWA for 2001-2002 Activity

Further to HDSS Bulletin 43.2, VWA has advised that as from Friday 6 September 2002, VWA invoices will revert to normal processing. Therefore, from that date, please forward 2001-2002 invoices directly to authorised agents.

Invoicing VWA for 2002-2003 Activity

Public hospitals are requested to hold all invoices for activity from 1 July 2002 until the 2002-2003 VWA fee schedule is published in August 2002. That is, do not send 2002-2003 invoices either to VWA head office or to authorised agents until further advised.

If you have any queries regarding this advice, please contact Anthony La Sala at DHS on 9616 7474.

Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)

46.8 Edit S135 Patient already on waiting list for same PPP

From 1.7.2002, this edit was revised and made a Rejection. Since then, valuable feedback from ESIS hospitals has resulted in enhancements to the list of PPPs excluded from this edit and to the way the edit works.

Two replacement ESIS Manual pages are attached to this Bulletin (pages 6-31 and 6-32): please update your ESIS Manual with the attached pages.

HDSS would welcome further feedback from any hospital that considers a record has been unjustifiably caught by edit S135: email ESIS.ESIS@dhs.vic.gov.au, providing the PPP code number and an explanation of the circumstances.

If you need an updated paper or electronic copy of the SAS edits, please email ESIS.ESIS@dhs.vic.gov.au, with the appropriate details.

HDSS Bulletin by Dataset

This table lists HDSS Bulletins released in the current and prior financial year only, and identifies the dataset to which they relate. All previous Bulletins are on the website at:

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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 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	✓			✓
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	✓			✓
Bulletin 40	28 June 2002	✓			
Bulletin 41	4 July 2002	✓	✓		✓
Bulletin 42	12 July 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 43	19 July 2002	✓		✓	
Bulletin 44	6 August 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 45	13 August 2002	✓	✓	✓	
Bulletin 46	23 August 2002	✓		✓	

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).

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- 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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