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Attention: Health Information Managers - For Action
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The Health Data Standards and Systems Unit has produced Issue 55 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/55-290503.htm> and can be viewed as both a browseable and downloadable file. To view the subject index for each edition of the bulletin, please refer to <http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au/bulletin/index.htm>.

Bulletin 55 provides information regarding:

- Hospital code table and postcode updates
- APET 2002-2003 online
- Palliative care update
- Contract/spoke identifier: National Bowel Cancer Program
- VAED and AIMS reconciliation
- Backdating Medicare eligibility
- 2003-04: AR-DRG grouper version and ICD-10-AM codes
- ICD-10-AM library file modifications
- Additions to the Principal Prescribed Procedure list for 1 July 2003
- Modifications to specification for revisions to ESIS and VEMD for 1 July 2003

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.

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HDSS Update

55.1 HDSS Staff Changes

Recent staff changes in HDSS:

- Karen Walker has joined us in a new position, and is responsible for the Mental Health data specifications. Her long experience in the hospital setting will be invaluable to the Unit, and the Mental Health Branch.
- Sara Harrison leaves us for 12 months maternity leave. We wish her well, and look forward to her returning in 2004.

Global Update

55.2 Hospital Code Table Updates (VAED, VEMD, ESIS)

An updated version of the Hospital Code Table file, including the updates detailed below, has been posted onto the HDSS Website:

<http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au/reffiles/index.htm>

The Excel file contains multiple worksheets that categorise public, private and non-Victorian hospitals, in both alphabetical and numerical order.

Hospital Name Change

Previous Name	New Name	VAED Code	Date Effective
Chiltern Bush Nursing Hospital Inc.	Chiltern & District Health Service Inc	6140	1 April 2003

New Health Service

Previous Name	New Name	New Campus Name	VAED Code	Date Effective
Austin and Repatriation Medical Centre	Austin Health	The Austin Hospital	1031	17 April
Austin and Repatriation Medical Centre	Austin Health	The Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital	1032	17 April
Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre	Austin Health	The Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre	3220	17 April

Hospital Closure

Name	VAED Code	Date Effective
Swinburne University Hospital	8310	4 April 2003

Hospital no longer providing Admitted Patient Services (Still providing non-admitted services)

Name	VAED Code	Date Effective
Hampton Rehabilitation Hospital	1140	1 December 2002

55.3 Postcode Update (VAED, VEMD, ESIS)

HDSS Bulletin Issue 53 published a new addition to the 2002-2003 Postcode File for Bellfield – 3381. Hospitals are advised to be aware that two different locations in Victoria titled Bellfield exist with the following postcodes:

Suburb/Locality	Postcode
Bellfield (located in the Heidelberg area)	3081
Bellfield (located in the Halls Gap area and also known as Bellfield Settlement)	3381

Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

55.4 APET 2002—2003 Online

The APET 2002—2003 Online system is now fully functional, including the data extraction facility.

Due to the delay in the release of the extraction facility many sites have a backlog of data in the database. Any site requiring a data extraction to be completed are advised to contact Leanne Daking on (03) 9616 8022 or leanne.daking@dhs.vic.gov with details of relevant details, as below:

- Hospital
- Month to be extracted
- Number of registered beds
- Reports you would like to request and parameters for reports
- Contact details

55.5 Palliative Care Update

The following hospital campuses have approved Palliative Care Programs, and can be added to the list on page 4-79 of the *VAED Manual, 12th Edition, July 2002*.

- Central Gippsland Health Service – Maffra and Yarram (Sale already listed)
- East Grampians Health Service – Willaura (Ararat already listed)
- Gippsland Southern Health Service – Korumburra (Leongatha already listed)
- Goulburn Valley Health – Tatura and Waranga (Shepparton already listed)

55.6 Contract/Spoke Identifier: National Bowel Cancer Program

A new program funded by the Commonwealth has began in the North Eastern Region (approved hospitals listed below):

- A&RMC
- Northern Hospital
- Peter MacCallum
- Royal Melbourne
- St Vincents

The program involves the Commonwealth sending a Faecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) kit to each resident aged 55-74 in the area. Once the FOBT comes back positive they are referred for a colonoscopy. There is a specific referral form that is sent to the Hospital from the GP and then when the hospital has completed the colonoscopy they have to send a report to a National register at the Health Insurance Commission (HIC).

These episodes should be reported as Contract Type 1 and identified by the new Contract/Spoke Identifier code.

0110 National Bowel Cancer Program

Every 6 months, Rory Wilby (DHS) will contact the HIC to confirm how many colonoscopies have been undertaken. This will be reconciled against the VAED data, which will be used calculate payment.

55.7 VAED and AIMS Reconciliation

HDSS has recently undertaken a reconciliation between VAED and AIMS data for the first two quarters of the 2002—2003 financial year (July – December 2002) for both public and private hospitals. Where there was a difference of at least two percent between the numbers of separations, hospitals were contacted to explain the variance.

55.8 Backdating Medicare Eligibility

The HDSS Help Desk has received some queries regarding the backdating of Medicare eligibility. We asked the Health Insurance Commission (HIC) the following questions, and provide their answers for your information.

Question: Does the backdating of Medicare eligibility occur?

Answer: Yes, infrequently.

Question: What evidence should the patient present to the hospital to show that they have been given backdated eligibility?

Answer: A letter from HIC, on HIC letterhead.

Question: Is the hospital obliged to return the money paid by the patient?

Answer: Yes. Hospitals should refund the money, and change the Account Class for the episode.

Question: Should the hospital check this information with HIC prior to a refund?

Answer: No. HIC would not release this information due to Privacy legislation.

55.9 TAC Arrangements

TAC should not be contacting hospitals directly about data and payment issues. DHS will shortly be meeting with TAC to sort out such process issues.

If hospitals are being contacted by TAC directly about data and payment issues, please direct them to Mignonne De Witt at the Department (9616 8092).

55.10 2003-04: AR-DRG Grouper Version and ICD-10-AM Codes

For the 2003-04 financial year data will continue to be grouped in AR-DRG version 4.2 for hospital funding purposes. However there has been an increase in the maximum number of ICD-10-AM codes able by the AR-DRG grouper from 20 diagnosis and 20 procedure codes in 2002-03, to 40 diagnosis and 40 procedure codes in 2003-04.

55.11 ICD-10-AM Library File Modifications

It has been necessary to modify the 2002-2003 ICD-10-AM Library File to refine notifiable disease editing for A37 *Whooping Cough*.

ICD-10-AM Code	Code Description	Change	Specification
A370	Whooping cough due to <i>Bordetella pertussis</i>	Area (Column L)	Add 3
A371	Whooping cough due to <i>Bordetella parapertussis</i>	Area (Column L)	Add 3
A378	Whooping cough due to other <i>Bordetella</i> species	Area (Column L)	Add 3

Please ensure these modifications are made to your existing Library File. Alternatively the updated Library File is available for downloading at:

<http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au/reffiles.index.htm>.

55.12 Updated Calendar of ICD Coding and Grouping Systems Used in Victoria

Calendar (summary) - ICD coding and DRG grouping systems used in Victoria

Fin. Year July/June	ICD edition: (edition/release date) (a)	ICD edition: Victoria	Coding Standards used in Victoria	Aust DRG version released	DRG version: Victoria (b)	Codes input to DRG version: Victoria (c)
03-04	No release	AM 3	Aust Standards AM 3 rd ed. with some Vic Additions	AR v4.2	AR v4.2	AM 2
02-03	AM 3 (Jul 2002)	AM 3	Aust Standards AM 3 rd ed. with some Vic Additions	AR v4.2	AR v4.2	AM 2
01-02	No release	AM 2	Aust Standards AM 2nd ed. with some Vic Additions	AR v4.2	AR v4.2 *	AM 2
00-01	AM 2 (Jul 2000)	AM 2	Aust Standards AM 2nd ed. with some Vic Additions	AR v4.1	AR v4.1 *	AM 1
99-00	No release except Amendment list	AM 1	Aust Standards AM 1st ed. with some Vic Additions	AN v4.0	AN v3.1 *	Aust CM 2
98-99	AM 1 (Jul 1998)	AM 1	Aust Standards AM 1st ed. with some Vic Additions	No release	AN v3.1 *	Aust CM 2
1.7.98	Victoria changed from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-AM.					
97-98	No release	Aust CM 2	Aust Standards CM 2nd ed. with some Vic Additions	No release	AN v3.1 *	Aust CM 2
96-97	Aust CM 2 (Jul 96)	Aust CM 2	Aust Standards CM 2nd ed. with some Vic Additions	AN v3.1	AN v3.1 *	Aust CM 2
95-96	Aust CM 1 (Jul 95)	Aust CM 1	Aust Standards CM 1st ed. with some Vic Additions	AN v3.0	AN v1.0 *	U.S. 8
94-95	U.S. 10 (Oct 93)	U.S. 10	Vic Guidelines Revised, incorporating National Coding Standards	AN v2.0	AN v1.0	U.S. 8
93-94	U.S. 9 (Oct 92)	U.S. 9	Vic Guidelines Revised, incorporating National Coding Standards	AN v2.0	AN v1.0	U.S. 8
1.7.93	Victoria introduced casemix funding					
92-93	U.S. 8 (Oct 91)	U.S. 8	Vic Guidelines 2nd ed (Revised)	No release	AN v1.0	U.S. 8
91-92	U.S. 7 (Oct 90)	U.S. 6	Vic Guidelines 2nd ed	AN v1.0	AN v1.0	U.S. 8
90-91	U.S. 6 (Oct 89)	U.S. 6	Vic Guidelines 2nd ed		HCFA v4	U.S. 2
89-90	U.S. 5 (Oct 88)	U.S. 5	Vic Guidelines 1st ed		HCFA v4	U.S. 2
88-89	U.S. 4 (Oct 87)	U.S. 2	Vic Guidelines 1st ed		HCFA v4	U.S. 2

Fin. Year July/June	ICD edition: (edition/release date) (a)	ICD edition: Victoria	Coding Standards used in Victoria	Aust DRG version released	DRG version: Victoria (b)	Codes input to DRG version: Victoria (c)
87-88	U.S. 2 (Oct 86)	U.S. 2	(Victorian) VHSS guidelines		HCFA v4	U.S. 2
1.7.86	Victoria changed from ICD-9 to ICD-9-CM.					

- (a) U.S. = HICF ICD (release date in the USA)
Aust CM = Australian ICD-9-CM (release date in Australia)
AM = ICD-10-AM
- (b) DRG version used in Victoria (pre 1.7.1993) for any published grouped data and (post 1.7.1993) for casemix funding purposes.
* = years Vic adjusted DRGs for funding purposes (details in relevant year's *Public Hospital Policy and Funding Guidelines* or equivalent publication).
- (c) If ICD version: Victoria and Codes input to DRG version: Victoria columns differ, ICD codes were mapped from ICD version: Victoria to Codes input to DRG version: Victoria

Elective Surgery Information Systems (ESIS)

55.13 Additions to the Principal Prescribed Procedure list for 1 July 2003

The additions to the Principal Prescribed Procedure list for 1 July 2003 document is now available on the web.

The document can be downloaded or viewed at <http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au/>

55.14 Modification to Specifications for Revisions to ESIS for 1 July 2003

As a result of policy changes regarding the Elective Surgery Access Service (ESAS) program, new edit S375 *Invalid Clinical Urgency Category for ESAS Reason for Removal*, has required modification.

The edit is now as follows:

S375 Invalid Clinical Urgency category for ESAS Reason for Removal

Effect REJECTION

The *Clinical Urgency* category for this record is invalid.

This record has a *Reason for Removal* code:

S Treatment of awaited procedure arranged by ESAS

But the *Clinical Urgency* category is ~~not~~ 1.

Remedy Correct the *Clinical Urgency* category or the *Reason for Removal* and resubmit.

Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)

55.15 Modification to Specifications for Revision to VEMD for 1 July 2003

Edit 351 detailed in the Specifications for Revisions to VEMD for 1 July 2003 released on 28 February 2003, has required modification. A revised document detailing the complete and correct specifications can be viewed on the HDSS website at <http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au/>

Please ensure that all interested persons are aware of the modification detailed on the following page.

E351**Waiting Time Potentially Excessive for Triage Category**

Effect NOTIFIABLE

Problem The reported waiting time (Time to Treatment) for this Triage Category is substantial enough to warrant further investigation.

The following fields require investigation and possible corrective action:

- Arrival Date/Time
- First Seen by Doctor Date/Time
- First Seen by Treating Nurse Date/Time
- Triage Category Date/Time

Triage Category	Waiting Time
1 – Resuscitation	4 <u>2</u> minutes
2 – Emergency	120 minutes
3 – Urgent	360 minutes
4 – Semi Urgent	720 minutes
5 – Non Urgent	720 minutes
6 – Dead on Arrival	360 minutes

Remedy Check documentation to determine whether the calculation of Time to Treatment is correct. If correct contact HDSS to allow record to pass. If incorrect, amend the error and re-submit.

Note:

The Date/Times and Triage Category reported must be substantiated by the hospital's medico-legal documentation.

See: Page 3 – 13, Arrival Date;
Page 3 – 15, Arrival Time;
Page 3 - 52, First Seen by Doctor Date;
Page 3 - 54, First Seen by Doctor Time;
Page 3 - 56, First Seen by Treating Nurse Date;
Page 3 - 58, First Seen by Treating Nurse Time;
Page 3 – 105, Triage Category.

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:

<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 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	04 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	✓		✓	
Bulletin 47	12 September 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 48	04 October 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 49	17 October 2002	✓		✓	✓
Bulletin 50	11 November 2002	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 51	20 December 2002	✓			✓
Bulletin 52	20 January 2003	✓	✓		
Bulletin 53	19 February 2003	✓	✓		
Bulletin 54	07 April 2003	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 55	29 May 2003	✓	✓	✓	✓

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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