

# Bulletin

## Health Data Standards and Systems

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Attention: Health Information Managers - For action  
VAED/ESIS/VEMD Submission officers - For action  
VAED/ESIS/VEMD Software suppliers - For action  
Emergency Department Directors – For action

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Bulletin 83 provides information regarding:

- Hospital Circulars
- Revisions to the Specifications for revisions to VAED 1 July 2005
- Revisions to the Specifications for revisions to ESIS 1 July 2005
- Restructured ESIS submissions 2005

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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# Global Update

## 83.1 Hospital Circular

Please note that the following circular has been released, and can be found at:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hospitalcirculars/>

### Hospital Circular 5/2005

Subject:

1. Public Hospital Charges - Changes Private Admitted Patients - Same day patients

# Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

## 83.2 Amendments to the Specifications for revisions to VAED 1 July 2005

Due to clashes with CMI historical code sets, the following changes will be made:

- New code for Admission Source C *Transfer from Transition Care bed based program*, will be changed to B *Transfer from Transition Care bed based program*.
- New code for Separation Mode C *Separation and transfer to Transition Care bed based program*, will be changed to B *Separation and transfer to Transition Care bed based program*.
- References to the code C in Admission Source and Separation Mode to be changed to code B in the following:
  - Edits 041, 103 and 481
  - Edit tables:
    - Account Class: Geriatric Respite
    - Admission Source and Admission Type
    - Admission Source and Age
    - Admission Source and Care Type
    - Admission Source and Criterion For Admission
    - Admission Source and Qualification Status
    - Age, Care Type, Carer Availability and Separation Mode
    - Care Type: Designated and Non-Designated Rehabilitation Programs (2, 6, 7, J and K)
    - Care Type: Interim Care Program (F and E)
    - Care Type and Separation Mode
    - Criterion for Admission, Age, Admission Type, Admission Source, Qualification Status
    - Criterion for Admission: Secondary Family Member
    - Funding Arrangement: Elective Surgery Access Service
    - Funding Arrangement: Rural Patients Initiative
    - Intention to Readmit and Separation Mode
    - Episode Record Structure (reference to code set values)

# Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)

## 83.3 Amendment to the Specifications for revisions to ESIS 1 July 2005

Please find below the updated Episode table structure that incorporates the new data items Administrative Registration Date and Indigenous Status and the amended data item Clinical Registration Date:

### Episode Table

Note	Data Item	Label	Field size	Layout/Code Set
M	Episode Identifier	Episode_Identifier	9	XXXXXXXXXX
M	Patient Identifier	Patient_Identifier	10	XXXXXXXXXXXX
2	Date Of Admission	Date_Of_Admission	8	DDMMCCYY
3	Destination	Destination	N/A	Code from code set
4	Insurance Declaration	Insurance_Declaration	N/A	Code from code set
M	Indigenous Status	Indigenous_Status	N/A	Code from code set
M	Planned Length Of Stay	Planned_Length_Of_Stay	N/A	Code from code set
M	Principal Prescribed Procedure	Principal_Prescribed_Procedure	N/A	Code from code set
5	Principal Prescribed Procedure Description	PPP_Description	Up to 100	Free text excluding tabs, linefeeds and carriage returns
M	Reason For Removal	Reason_For_Removal	N/A	Code from code set
M	Administrative Registration Date	Administrative_Registration_Date	8	DDMMCCYY
M	Clinical Registration Date	Clinical_Registration_Date	8	DDMMCCYY
M	Removal Date	Removal_Date	8	DDMMCCYY
M	Source Of Referral	Source_Of_Referral	N/A	Code from code set
M	Surgical Specialty	Surgical_Specialty	N/A	Code from code set
M	Treatment Campus	Treatment_Campus	N/A	Code from code set

Key To Note	
M	Mandatory
1	Report when made available by the patient
2	Mandatory for Reason For Removal codes W, M, S, X, B, I and U
3	Mandatory for Reason For Removal codes N, S and X
4	Mandatory for Reason For Removal codes W, M, S and X
5	Mandatory for non specific PPP codes

## 83.4 Restructured ESIS submissions 2005

On 31 March ESIS submission officers, software vendors and TRG members were advised that DHS has taken a decision to extend the testing period for the ESIS submission restructure until 1 July 2005. This decision will enable further testing and greater opportunity to fully prove the capability of the system before the full implementation.

In relation to this, testing of new-format ESIS data has revealed that in a limited set of circumstances, certain valid sequences of admission scheduling and cancellation may not load in a way that reflects the actual events. If the specification were left unchanged it would impact on data quality and cause an unnecessary reconciliation workload for submission staff. DHS is therefore working with the software vendors to resolve the issue, and this is likely to result in a minor modification to the intra-episode event specification. Sites will be advised of the nature of the change in due course.

Finally, please note that the resource requirements for HDSS in continuing with the implementation of the new file structure while maintaining ongoing operations of the old structure may affect HDSS' ability to turn around test data quickly. If you are planning a test submission that will need an urgent response, please discuss your testing with us in advance.

# HDSS Bulletin by dataset

This table lists the most recent HDSS Bulletins, and identifies the dataset to which they relate. All previous bulletins are on the website at:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/bulletin/bulindex.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 83	13 April 2005	✓		✓	✓
Bulletin 82	1 April 2005	✓			✓
Bulletin 81	7 March 2005			✓	✓
Bulletin 80	24 February 2005	✓		✓	
Bulletin 79	21 January 2005	✓		✓	✓
Bulletin 78	20 December 2004	✓			✓
Bulletin 77	26 November 2004	✓		✓	✓
Bulletin 76	3 November 2004	✓			✓
Bulletin 75	26 October 2004	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 74	20 October 2004			✓	
Bulletin 73	13 September 2004	✓			✓
Bulletin 72	8 September 2004	✓		✓	✓
Bulletin 71	5 August 2004		✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 70	5 August 2004	✓			
Bulletin 69	9 July 2004	✓	✓		✓
Bulletin 68	16 June 2004	✓	✓		✓
Bulletin 67	28 May 2004	✓	✓		
Bulletin 66	30 April 2004	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 65	08 April 2004	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 64	25 February 2004	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 63	26 November 2003	✓			✓
Bulletin 62	10 October 2003	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 61	16 September 2003	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 60	26 August 2003	✓	✓		✓
Bulletin 59	05 August 2003	✓	✓		✓
Bulletin 58	22 July 2003	✓			✓
Bulletin 57	01 July 2003	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 56	11 June 2003	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 55	29 May 2003	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 54	07 April 2003	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bulletin 53	19 February 2003	✓	✓		
Bulletin 52	20 January 2003	✓	✓		

# HDSS Contact Details

The Health Data Standards and Systems (HDSS) Unit of the Metropolitan Health and Aged Care Division has responsibility for maintaining data standards for five Victorian health data collections:

- Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)
- Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)
- Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)
- Agency Information Management System (AIMS)
- Client Management Interface (CMI)(for Mental Health clients).

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;
- Communication regarding the implementation of revisions to data collection specifications, 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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