

# 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 88 provides information regarding:

- Hospital code changes
- DHS circular update
- Postcode file update
- ESIS processing
- VEMD reporting
- Addenda and Errata to the *Specification for revisions to PRS/2 and the VAED for 1 July 2005*
- PRS/2 Processing status
- PRS/2 Processing issues
- WIES Reports
- VAED Manual 15<sup>th</sup> Edition July 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

## 88.1 Hospital Code Table Updates

An updated version of the Hospital Code table file, including the details 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

Old Name	New Name	VAED Code	Effective Date
Coleraine & District Hospital	Western District Health Service – Coleraine Campus	2140 (No change)	1 July 2005

## 88.2 DHS Circular Update

Please note that the following circulars have been released, and can be found at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hospitalcirculars/>

### Hospital Circular 16/2005

Subject:

1. Highly Specialised Drugs Program

## 88.3 Postcode File Update

Updated versions of the Postcode/Locality Reference File and Postcode/Locality/SLA Reference File are available on the HDSS Website: <http://hdss.health.vic.gov.au/reffiles/index.htm>

# Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

## 88.4 Addenda and Errata to the Specifications for revisions to VAED 1 July 2005

### 88.4.1 New edits for Private Account Classes PW/PX/PY

Account Classes PW *Intensive Care Unit* and PX *Coronary Care Unit* can only be used for private patients accommodated within approved ICU or CCU units. Account Class PY *High Dependency Unit* can only be used for private patients accommodated in High Dependency beds located within an approved ICU. Therefore, a new edit has been introduced to reject records with account classes PW, PX or PY in campuses without approved units.

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## 615 HDU Account Class, no approved ICU

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<b>Effect</b>	REJECTION
<b>Problem</b>	The E2 Episode Record's Account Class is PY High Dependency Unit in one or more Status Segments, but this hospital campus does not have an approved ICU.
<b>Remedy</b>	Check Account Class (E2). If you believe that this Hospital Campus has an approved ICU, contact the HDSS Help Desk.  Refer to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Section 9: <i>Code Lists: Intensive Care Units: Approved</i></li></ul>

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## 616 ICU Account Class, no approved ICU

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<b>Effect</b>	REJECTION
<b>Problem</b>	The E2 Episode Record's Account Class is PW Intensive Care Unit in one or more Status Segments, but this hospital campus does not have an approved ICU.
<b>Remedy</b>	Check Account Class (E2). If you believe that this Hospital Campus has an approved ICU, contact the HDSS Help Desk.  Refer to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Section 9: <i>Code Lists: Intensive Care Units: Approved</i></li></ul>

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## 617 CCU Account Class, no approved CCU

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**Effect** REJECTION

**Problem**

The E2 Episode Record's Account Class is PX Coronary Care Unit in one or more Status Segments, but this hospital campus does not have an approved CCU.

**Remedy**

Check Account Class (E2). If you believe that this Hospital Campus has an approved CCU, contact the HDSS Help Desk.

Refer to:

- Section 9: *Code Lists: Cardiac/Coronary Care Units: Approved*

### 88.4.2 Edits 603/604 ICU/CCU Account Class, No ICU/CCU Hours

These edits have been changed from Rejection to Fatal in order to accommodate the PRS/2 processing logic. The edits will trigger on both the E2 and X2 records and records will need to be re-submitted to rectify the problem. Alternately, if a change is made to the Account Class or ICU/CCU Hours after the records have been submitted to PRS/2, send an E2 deletion record followed by updated E2 and X2 records to prevent the edit from triggering.

### 88.4.3 Edit 445 TAC Accident Date > 20 yrs Before Admission

This edit has been changed from a Rejection to a Notifiable edit following a claim accepted by TAC for an admission related to an accident more than 20 years before admission.

### 88.5 PRS/2 Now Processing 2005-06 Financial Year

The PRS/2 updates for 1 July 2005-06 have been installed and hospitals can now send data for the 2005-06 financial year.

### 88.6 PRS/2 Processing Issues

The following issues with PRS/2 edits and reports have been identified, and have now been rectified:

- **Sub-Acute Separations and Outstanding Sub-Acute Records Report:** This report was not counting separations for episodes with Care Type J for the 2004-05 financial year.  
Fixed 1 August 2005.
- **Edits 605/606 Private Pt, CCU/ICU Hours, No CCU/ICU Account Class:** These edits were triggering as rejections rather than warnings.  
Fixed 4 August 2005.
- **Edits 603/604 ICU/CCU Account Class, No ICU/CCU Hours:** These edits were incorrectly triggering as rejections on unseparated records. They have been amended to trigger as Fatal edits on both the E2 and X2 records, and only when an X2 record has been submitted.  
Fixed 4 August 2005.
- **Edit 612 Palliative Care Mismatch:** This edit was incorrectly triggering for episodes with Care Type E and unseparated episodes with no Palliative Care Days recorded.  
Fixed 4 August 2005.

## 88.7 WIES report

The 2005-06 format of the Hospital Activity and WIES Report for 2005-2006 is detailed in the Victoria-public hospitals and mental health services Policy and Funding Guidelines Technical Information.

Changes from 2004-05 version are as follows:

1. Page 1 has had the Care Type 'J' lines 1.13 and 2.13 removed and the lines below these renumbered.
2. Page 3 line 11.2 no longer has VIC-DRG5 962Z included.

These changes have not yet been implemented into PRS/2 for 2005-06. Until changes are implemented in the next few weeks, the report remains unchanged from last year. In the meantime, hospitals will note that the Care Type 'J' lines will contain zeros for July files onwards as Care Type 'J' is no longer valid and line 11.2 will continue to include VIC-DRG5 962Z.

## 88.8 VAED Manual 15th Edition, July 2005

A draft copy of the VAED Manual for the 2005-06 financial year has been placed on the HDSS Website at the following address:

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

A printed copy will be mailed to each hospital and software supplier as soon as possible after the manual is finalised.

# Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)

## 88.9 ESIS Submissions 2005-06

On 3 August 2005 ESIS submission officers, software vendors and TRG members were advised that the restructured ESIS Editing system is now in production and able to accept live data. Sites wishing to submit live data should have completed testing to the satisfaction of both HDSS and themselves. As each site is able to submit satisfactory test data HDSS will formally advise that we will accept live data from the site.

HDSS would like to convey sincere thanks to those vendors and sites that have provided such valuable feedback over the past 18 months. As with any new system we are bound to uncover minor issues as things are bedded down. We look forward to continued high-quality dialogue to help us all negotiate the challenges ahead.

# Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)

## 88.10 Transit Lounges

In response to recent help desk queries, please note the following in respect of reporting patients who wait in a Transit Lounge prior to admission to a ward.

"Transit lounges/holding areas are not generally considered to be inpatient wards. Thus, emergency patients located in these areas prior to being admitted to a ward should be considered to be in the care of the Emergency Department."

- Statewide Emergency Program Business Rules, 2005-06, page 13,  
available at the following  
address: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdms/busrule06.pdf>

# 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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