

# 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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This bulletin provides information regarding:

- DHS circular update
- PRS/2 processing issues
- VAED Manual updates
- ICD-10-AM fourth edition library file modification
- Information about Performance Indicators for Coding Quality (PICQ)
- DHS Hospital Admission Policy
- Editing and reporting of ESIS episodes with a PPP code from the '500' range.

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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# Global Update

## 89.1 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 17/2005**

Subject:

1. Review of contractual and fee arrangements for contracted visiting medical officers.

# Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

## 89.2 PRS/2 Processing Issues

The following issue has been identified but has not been rectified to date:

- **Edit 499 Stat Admission: No Prev Episode**

This edit is not recognising the prior statistical admission when the previous episode was separated in the previous financial year.

A fix is currently being developed and hospitals will be advised via Bulletin when it has been installed. If you have episodes separated in July that you have not been able to submit due to this problem, please send a short email to the PRS2 Help Desk (<mailto:PRS2.Help-Desk@dhs.vic.gov.au>).

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

- **Edit 603/4 ICU/CCU Account Class, No ICU/CCU Hours**

These edits were being triggered on E2 records when the episode was unseparated and/or an X2 record was submitted in the same file with ICU/CCU hours. The logic of the edits has been amended so that a Fatal edit will trigger on either or both the E2 and X2 record. The edits will not trigger on new E2 records. An Update E2 record will be edited against an X2 record if one exists. The X2 record will be edited against the E2 record.  
Fixed 12 August.

- **User Reconciliation Report**

Page 2 of the User Reconciliation Report did not include totals for the new private Account Classes PX, PW and PY.  
Fixed 12 August.

- **Edit 507 Stat Episode: Rehab also in Prev Episode**

This edit was incorrectly triggering on episodes with a different care type in the previous episode.  
Fixed 12 August.

- **DRG960Z for birth weight under 400g**

PRS/2 was incorrectly grouping episodes with a birth weight under 400g to DRG 960Z. This has been amended to round weights between 125 and 399g up to 400g for grouping purposes. Weights under 125g are not accepted by PRS/2.  
Fixed 15 August.

## 89.3 Amendments to draft VAED Manual 15<sup>th</sup> Edition on web

The following amendments have been made to the VAED Manual that was placed on the HDSS website on 4 August 2005.

### Section 2 *Concepts and derived item definitions*

- Removed definition of *Clinician*. This definition was inadvertently included in the VAED Manual.
- Replaced definition of *Criteria for Admission* with the 2004-05 definition (from VAED Manual 14<sup>th</sup> Edition). The definition for *Criteria for Admission* has not changed since 2004-05. The draft Manual included some changes to the guidelines for cancelled treatment that should not be applied, as these have not been accepted by DHS as changes to the Hospital Admission Policy. The guidelines for treatment of cancelled admissions remain the same as for 2004-05.
- Name change to item *Episode of Care* to *Episode of Admitted Patient Care*.

### Section 4 *Business Rules*

- Clarification of instructions for Medi-Hotel.

### Section 5 *Compilation and Transmission*

- Addition of *Indigenous Status 8* to Data Records: Episode Record.

## 89.4 Supplementary Code Lists

An updated Supplementary Code Lists spreadsheet has been placed on the HDSS website:

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

The list of sites approved for Accommodation Type 8 (EMU) has been updated.

## 89.5 ICD-10-AM fourth edition library file modification

The sex edit has been removed from the following diagnosis code:

ICD-10-AM Code	Code Description	Change	Specification
		Sex (Column J)	
Z313	Other assisted fertilisation methods	3	Reject if not female

Please ensure this modification is made to the 2005-06 Library File. Alternatively the updated Library File is available for downloading at:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/reffiles/2005-06/vaed/libfil05.htm>

## 89.6 Performance Indicators for Coding Quality (PICQ)

The HDSS Unit purchased the Performance Indicators for Coding Quality (PICQ) tool on behalf of all Victorian public and private hospitals. PICQ has now been available for downloading from the HDSS website for six months.

After the consolidation of the 2004-05 VAED file in September, HDSS intends to run the 2004-05 consolidated file against PICQ, and publish the (de-identified) results on the HDSS website. By cooperating with other hospitals, hospitals will be able to use this information to conduct benchmarking exercises.

PICQ is a valuable tool for determining the degree to which coding is performed in line with certain Australian Coding Standards. Using PICQ regularly within the hospital can form a valuable part of a hospital's coding quality activities.

## 89.7 APET 2005-06

The Admitted Patient Entry & Transmission System (APET) for the 2005-06 financial year is now available on the HDSS website:

<http://aimsinfo.health.vic.gov.au/>

A new APET manual is also available for download:

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

## 89.7 DHS Hospital Admission Policy

The *DHS Hospital Admission Policy 2003-04* remains current for reporting admitted episodes for 2005-06. There is an ongoing project to review and update this Admission Policy, however a new policy has not yet been implemented. Please ensure that all relevant hospital staff are aware of the *DHS Hospital Admission Policy 2003-04*.

The *DHS Hospital Admission Policy 2003-04* can be accessed at

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vaed/admpol0304.pdf>.

# Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)

## **89.8 Editing and reporting of ESIS episodes with a PPP code from the '500' range**

When the '500' PPP code range was introduced, the episodes with this PPP code range were not subject to all the ESIS edits. For ESIS 2005-06 all ESIS edits will be applied to these episodes.

However, as in previous years, these episodes will not be factored in when calculating performance against elective targets and will not be included in waiting list and waiting time figures reported by the Victorian Government, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care.

# 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.

HDSS Web Site <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/>

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