

Bulletin

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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

This edition of the Health Data Standards and Systems (HDSS) Bulletin has been published in electronic format only. It has been posted on our website at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/bulletin/90-240805.pdf> and can be viewed as a downloadable file.

This bulletin provides information regarding:

- PRS/2 Processing Issues
- VAED Data Submission deadline
- VAED Edit changes
- Return of notifiable edits
- Updated Victorian Additions to Australian Coding Standards.

Please download the document from our website. 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

90.1 HDSS Postal Address

As the Department of Human Services will be relocating to 50 Lonsdale Street early in 2006, please use the following postal address (applicable both currently and after the relocation):

Health Data Standards and Systems Unit
Metropolitan Health and Aged Care Services
Department of Human Services
GPO 4057
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Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

90.2 PRS/2 Processing Issues

PRS/2 processing was suspended after the 17th August consolidation while the content of the consolidated file was confirmed. Processing was resumed on 23rd August.

The following issue with a PRS/2 edit has been rectified:

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

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

Fixed 24 August. Rejected episodes must be re-submitted.

90.3 Data Submission Deadline

Hospitals are reminded that all 2004-05 data must be submitted to Mantrack by 17 September 2005. Data files must be received before 12pm if sending via disk or 5pm if sending electronically. This includes episode and diagnosis data. If you anticipate difficulties meeting the submission deadline, please contact the HDSS Help Desk.

90.4 Changes to the ICU/CCU/HDU edits

The following edit changes have been made, and a new draft version of Section 8 Editing of the VAED Manual has been placed on the HDSS Website:

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

90.4.1 Edits 523 and 526 – Change to edit description

The description of the following edits has been amended to clarify the meaning. Hospitals may report ICU or CCU hours if they have approved units, or where the hours are provided by another hospital with an approved unit under contract. There is no change to the functionality of the edits.

523 CCU Hrs, no approved CCU

Effect REJECTION

Problem Duration of Stay in Cardiac/Coronary Care Unit is reported in the X2 Diagnosis Record, but can only be reported by Hospital Campuses with an approved CCU, unless the Funding Arrangement is 1 *Contract*.

Remedy Check Funding Arrangement, Site Identification (E2), and Duration of Stay in Cardiac/Coronary Care Unit (X2), amend as appropriate and re-transmit the E2 and/or X2.

- If you believe the Hospital Campus is approved to report Duration of Stay in Cardiac/Coronary Care Unit, contact the HDSS Help Desk.

526 ICU Hrs, no approved ICU or NICU

Effect REJECTION

Problem Duration of Stay in Intensive Care Unit is reported in the X2 Diagnosis Record, but can only be reported by Hospital Campuses with an approved ICU, unless the Funding Arrangement is 1 *Contract*.

Remedy Check Funding Arrangement (E2) and Duration of Stay in Intensive Care Unit (X2), amend as appropriate and re-transmit the E2 and/or X2.

- If you believe the Hospital Campus is approved to report Duration of Stay in Intensive Care Unit, contact the HDSS Help Desk.

90.4.2 Edits 615, 616 and 617 – Change to edit description and functionality

The following edits have been amended to allow Account Classes PW, PX and PY to be reported by hospitals with approved units, or where the hours are provided by another hospital with an approved unit under contract. The description of the edits has also been changed.

615 HDU Account Class, no approved ICU

Effect REJECTION

Problem

The E2 Episode Record's Account Class is PY High Dependency Unit in one or more Status Segments, but Account Class PY can only be reported by Hospital Campuses with an approved ICU, unless the Funding Arrangement is 1 *Contract*.

Remedy

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

Refer to:

- Section 9: *Code Lists: Intensive Care Units: Approved*

616 ICU Account Class, no approved ICU

Effect REJECTION

Problem

The E2 Episode Record's Account Class is PW Intensive Care Unit in one or more Status Segments, but Account Class PW can only be reported by Hospital Campuses with an approved ICU, unless the Funding Arrangement is 1 *Contract*.

Remedy

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

Refer to:

- Section 9: *Code Lists: Intensive Care Units: Approved*

617 CCU Account Class, no approved CCU

Effect REJECTION

Problem

The E2 Episode Record's Account Class is PX Coronary Care Unit in one or more Status Segments, but Account Class PX can only be reported by Hospital Campuses with an approved CCU, unless the Funding Arrangement is 1 *Contract*.

Remedy

Check Account Class and Funding Arrangement (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*

90.5 Notifiable Edits

Thank you to those that have returned notifiable edit spreadsheets to the HDSS Help Desk.

Hospitals are reminded that where the combination of data is correct, you must provide a comment describing why it is correct in each circumstance. It is not sufficient to enter "Correct" as a comment. Information on the various scenarios experienced in hospitals is used by HDSS when reviewing edits.

There is also some confusion about the use of Health Insurance Fund codes. Collection of Health Insurance Fund code is intended to provide information on the insurance status of the patient, irrespective of how the patient's treatment is funded. Each patient should be asked whether they have health insurance regardless of whether they wish to be treated as a public or private patient, or whether their treatment is covered by TAC or WorkCover.

Code 996 *Miscellaneous Australian health insurance fund* should only be used when the patient has insurance with a fund that does not appear in the list of valid codes in Section 3 of the VAED Manual. In most circumstances, a fund that does not appear in the list is underwritten by another fund. Checking the fund's website or doing an internet search will usually provide information on the company that actually provides the insurance. If you cannot find the relevant code, contact the HDSS Help Desk. If the patient is insured but cannot provide the name of the fund, use code 998 *Patient is insured but will not/cannot specify the fund*.

Some commonly used health funds, and the code that should be reported, are listed below:

Fund Name	Code
ANZ	HBA
AXA	HBA
Australian Country Health	AHM
Australian Union Health	AHM
Better Health	AHM
Government Employees Health Fund	AHM
Health Bonus	AHM
Health Cover Direct	HBA
ING	AHM
Illawarra Health Fund	AHM
Senior Health	AHM

The *Reporting Guide* area under *Health Insurance Fund* in Section 3 of the VAED manual provides some notes regarding funds and should always be checked.

90.6 Victorian Additions to Australian Coding Standards 2005

The new version of the Victorian Additions to Australian Coding Standards has been loaded onto the HDSS website and is now available for download:

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

Contact Details

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

- Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)
- Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)
- Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)
- Agency Information Management System (AIMS)

The HDSS Bulletin, produced on an ad hoc basis, 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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