

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

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This bulletin provides information regarding:

- Call for proposals for changes to acute datasets
- Public hospital reimbursement of costs for 2005-06 statutory changes
- ICD-10-AM fourth edition library file modification
- Changes to VAED edits
- VAED Manual
- Health Insurance Fund information
- ESIS Total Waiting Time

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

91.1 Call for proposals for changes to acute datasets

As part of the annual review of the Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED), the Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD) and the Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS), the Health Data Standards and Systems (HDSS) unit is now accepting proposals for changes to data collections for the 2006-07 financial year.

Each year the VAED, VEMD and ESIS data collections are reviewed to ensure the collections support the Department's national reporting obligations and reflect changes in hospital funding and service provision arrangements for the coming financial year.

Due to the HealthSMART project progressively replacing hospital patient management systems, only business critical proposals can be considered. There will be greater scrutiny of all proposals this year, including the need to demonstrate clear business justification for all changes.

As always, the impact on the data providers will be a key factor in the decision to approve changes. The capacity of data providers to report accurate, meaningful data in a convenient and timely manner will be a key part of the assessment, together with the capacity of software providers to make any system changes necessary to support the proposed changes.

Final acceptance of all proposals will be based upon recommendations by the Data Management Advisory Committee (DMAC) and signoff by the Executive Director, Rural and Regional Health and Aged Care Services and the Under Secretary, Health.

Where there is a genuine need to alter reporting requirements, proposals for changes can be submitted on the HDSS Proposal Proforma that can be obtained from:

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

91.2 Public Hospitals Funding for Statutory Changes 2005-06

Public hospitals are eligible for reimbursement of costs associated with software upgrades required to comply with statutory changes for VAED, ESIS and VEMD data collections. In order to apply for reimbursement, please forward a copy of the invoice from your software supplier, and documentation indicating that you are satisfied with the works provided to:

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Once we have received at least one month of satisfactory data for the 2005-06 financial year, reimbursement will be provided to the hospital via the usual funding channels. Please direct any queries to Jenny Croft (jenny.croft@dhs.vic.gov.au or 9616 8022).

Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

91.3 ICD-10-AM fourth edition library file modification

The sex edit for the following procedure code has been modified to allow the reporting of this breast procedure performed on men:

ICD-10-AM Code	Code Description	Change	Specification
		Sex (Column J)	
3156300	Surgical eversion of inverted nipple	6 4	Reject if male without an explanatory diagnosis code Warn if male or indeterminate

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>

91.4 Changes to Edits

The following edits have been modified:

431 Newborn but Not Newborn Accommodation

Effect NOTIFIABLE

Problem

This edit is triggered when:

- From the E2 Episode Record, Admission Type is Y *Birth episode* and age at admission is calculated as 9 days or less, but the Accommodation Type is neither C *Nursery accommodation: NICU/SCN* or B *Other nursery accommodation or mothers bedside (rooming in)* in any of the Status Segments; OR
- From the E2 Episode Record, age at admission is calculated as 9 days or less, but the only Accommodation Type is 4 *In the Home (Hospital – HITH)*.

Remedy

HDSS acknowledges that for a small number of episodes this combination of data items is correct. Check Accommodation Type, Admission Date and Date of Birth. Where incorrect, amend as appropriate and re-transmit the E2. Alternatively, contact the HDSS Helpdesk to confirm that information is correct. Where the data has not been corrected or confirmed HDSS will periodically notify each hospital and ask them to do so.

Edit 431 has been modified to trigger only for episodes with Admission Type Y *Birth episode*, i.e. the baby was born in the hospital, or where the only Accommodation Type is 4 *In the Home*. This should reduce the number of Notifiable edits for babies not born in hospital but admitted to emergency or other wards.

Please note that babies under 9 days of age are generally expected to be in nursery accommodation (Accommodation Type B or C), especially if born in the hospital and accommodated in a crib beside the mother's bed. Software should be configured to correctly map these beds to the correct Accommodation Type.

094 Combination A/C, Accom Care Med Suff

Accommodation Type 8 *Emergency Medical Unit* has been made valid for Account Classes PC *Surgery (1-14 days)* and PD *Surgery (15+ days)*. The *Combination A/C, Accom Care Med Suff* edit table in Section 4 *Business Rules* of the VAED Manual has been modified as follows (extract only):

Account Class	Accom Type	Care Type	Medicare Suffix
PC	1 2	5E, 5K, 5G, 5S, 5A	name, C-U, N-E
PC	1 2 6 8B M S	4, U	name, C-U, N-E
PC	4 C	4	name, C-U, N-E
PC	6 8 M S	5K, 5G, 5S, 5A	name, C-U, N-E
PC	7	4	name, C-U, N-E
PD	1 2	5E, 5K, 5G, 5S, 5A	name, C-U, N-E
PD	1 2 6 8B M S	4, U	name, C-U, N-E
PD	4 C	4	name, C-U, N-E
PD	6 8 M S	5K, 5G, 5S, 5A	name, C-U, N-E
PD	7	4	name, C-U, N-E

91.5 VAED Manual 15th Edition

All sections of the VAED Manual have been updated on the HDSS website:
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vaed/2005-06/manual/index.htm>

The changes include edit changes described in this bulletin and minor formatting modifications.

It is anticipated that hard copy manuals will be printed and distributed to hospitals (one per hospital campus only) and software suppliers in the next few weeks.

91.6 Health Insurance Fund

HDSS has recently been notified of the scheduled merger of Grand United Health Fund Pty Ltd (VAED Health Insurance Fund and HCP code GUF) and Australian Unity Health Ltd (VAED Health Insurance Fund and HCP code AUF) on 1 October 2005. Please note that this does not include Grand United Corporate Health Ltd (VAED Health Insurance Fund and HCP code FAI).

All ex-GUF members will be issued with new membership cards for Australian Unity. From 1 October 2005 please ensure not to transmit Health Insurance Fund code GUF to the VAED, as these patients should be reported as AUF.

Elective Surgery Information System

Please note the following correction to the Total Waiting Time calculations published in HDSS Bulletin 85:

Total Waiting Time

Definition DHS measures Total Waiting Time at monthly intervals, on the last day of the month. This day is known as the Census Date.

Guide for use Total Waiting Time is calculated as:

Patient admitted during the month, no Clinical Urgency increase (ever):

- (Date of Admission) minus (Administrative Registration Date) minus (Total Not Ready For Care Days).

Patient admitted during the month, Clinical Urgency increase (at any time):

- (Date of Admission) minus (Clinical Urgency increase date) minus (Total Not Ready for Care Days since most recent Clinical Urgency increase).

Patient removed (not admitted) during the month, no Clinical Urgency increase (ever):

- (Removal Date) minus (Administrative Registration Date) minus (Total Not Ready For Care Days).

Patient removed (not admitted) during the month, Clinical Urgency increase (at any time):

- (Removal Date) minus (Clinical Urgency increase date) minus (Total Not Ready For Care Days since most recent Clinical Urgency increase).

Patient not removed, no Clinical Urgency Increase (ever):

- (Census Date) minus (Administrative Registration Date) minus (Total Not Ready For Care Days) plus 1.

Patient not removed, Clinical Urgency Increase (at any time):

- (Census Date) minus (Clinical Urgency increase date) minus (Total Not Ready For Care Days since most recent Clinical Urgency increase) plus 1.

Note:

In extremely rare circumstances, the administrative registration date may be after the episode's removal date. In these cases, Clinical Registration Date will be used instead of Administrative Registration Date.

Refer to:

- Section 2: *Census Date and Total Not Ready For Care Days.*
- Section 3: *Event Type-Readiness, Readiness For Care, Clinical Registration Date and Administrative Registration Date.*

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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