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Attention: The *PRS/2 Manual* Registered Holder

PRS/2 Manual 9th Edition

Please find enclosed a copy of the ninth edition of the *PRS/2 Manual*, effective 1 July 1999.

The *PRS/2 Manual* is relevant to all Victorian hospitals as it contains definitions and background information relating to the Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED), in addition to information specific to PRS/2.

The information contained in this manual includes:

- Updated definitions (Section A)
- The new 1 July 1999 fields and values as detailed in the document *Specification for Revisions to PRS/2 and the Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset for 1.7.1999* (Section B)
- The new fields as they appear in PRS/2 reports (Section D)
- New and amended edits (Section E).

One copy of the *PRS/2 Manual* is provided for each hospital. Please ensure all relevant staff in your hospital or organisation have access to it or are able to copy sections relevant to their work. An electronic copy of this manual will be placed on the internet at www.dhs.vic.gov.au/ahs/hdss, at a later date.

Please store this manual in the binder previously provided.

If you have any queries, please contact the PRS/2 Help Desk on (03) 9616 8141.

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Foreword

To fund public hospitals equitably under the casemix system and to maintain morbidity data on all Victorians, the Department of Human Services requires a minimum data set which accurately reflects health service activities, meets the requirements of the Victorian *Annual Reporting Act 1983*, and is consistent with the State's reporting requirements under the National Health Information Agreement.

The Department also has a statutory obligation under section 9 of the Victorian *Health Act 1958* to establish a comprehensive information system on

- the causes, effects and nature of illness among Victorians;
- the determinants of good health and ill health; and
- the utilisation of health services in Victoria.

The Department has further reporting obligations under the 1998 *Australian Health Care Agreement* with the Commonwealth of Australia.

To meet these objectives, all public and private acute hospitals, including acute facilities in rehabilitation and extended care institutions and day procedure centres, are required to report the relevant minimum data set of admitted patient activity. These data are compiled into the Victorian Admitted Episode Dataset (VAED, previously the Victorian Inpatient Minimum Database, VIMD). Victorian hospitals must transmit data to the VAED via the PRS/2 system.

This Manual provides comprehensive information for hospitals on how the PRS/2 system works, the source data definitions and reporting requirements for all service types. The Manual is also available on the Department's web site at www.dhs.vic.gov.au/ahs/prs2.

The Department is moving towards an alternative file format for the VAED: the new HL7 messaging protocol. Details are set out in *Victorian Health Level 7 (HL7) DWH and ODS Interface Specification*, also available from the Department's web site at www.dhs.vic.gov.au/ahs/rapid.

Amendments have been made to the PRS/2 format to make it Year 2000 compliant. For information regarding Year 2000 compliance generally, refer to the Department's Y2K web site at www.dhs.vic.gov.au/ahs/i2t2/yr2000.html.



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- Queries about this Manual

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Comments

If you have comments, suggestions, queries about this manual, please send them to the Department's Health Information Managers. For convenience, there is a sheet for your use, page A-85.

Abbreviations Used in This Manual

AIMS	Agency Information Management System
AN-DRG	Australian National Diagnosis Related Group
AR-DRG	Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Group
CCIHT	Critical Care Inter-Hospital Transfer
CFS	Coded Funded Separations
CCU	Coronary/Cardiac Care Unit
CRAFT	Casemix Rehabilitation and Funding Tree
DHS	Department of Human Services Victoria
DRG	Diagnosis Related Group
DVA	Department of Veterans' Affairs
GEM	Geriatric Evaluation and Management Program
HDSS	Health Data Standards and Systems, Acute Health Division, DHS
HIM	Health information manager (also known as medical record administrator)
HITH	Hospital in the Home
ICD-9-CM	International Classification of Diseases - 9th Revision - Clinical Modification
ICD-10-AM	International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision, Australian Modification
ICU	Intensive care unit
IES	Inlier Equivalent Separations
MDC	Major Diagnostic Category
MV	Mechanical ventilation
NHDD	National Health Data Dictionary
NICU	Neonatal intensive care unit
NHT	Nursing Home Type (patient/care)
P/G	Psycho-geriatric
PRISM	Psychiatric Records Information Systems Manager
PRS	Patient Reporting System (one of Allegiance Systems' hospital management softwares before 1.7.99)
PRS/2	Computer system by which hospitals transmit admitted patient data to Department of Human Services
SCN	Special care nursery
SLA	Statistical Local Area
TAC	Transport Accident Commission
UR No.	Unit Record Number (now Patient Identifier)
VAED	Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (previously VIMD)
VIMD	Victorian Inpatient Minimum Database (now VAED)
VWA	Victorian WorkCover Authority
WIES	Weighted Inlier Equivalent Separations

the Department refers to the Victorian Department of Human Services

