

Summary of Amendments to Fields and Codes

VEMD Field	Amendment/addition/deletion
VISIT NUMBER	Length expanded to 9 characters.
MEDICARE NUMBER	Valid format = Numeric characters or blank. Spaces are no longer accepted.
MEDICARE CODE	Valid format = Numeric characters or blank. Spaces and zero filled fields are no longer accepted.
DATE OF BIRTH	Descriptor changed to BIRTH DATE.
FIRST SEEN BY TREATING NURSE / DOCTOR DATE	Valid format = valid date or blank. 00000000 (zero filled) fields are no longer accepted.
FIRST SEEN BY TREATING NURSE / DOCTOR TIME	Valid format = valid time or blank. 0000 (zero filled) fields are no longer accepted.
PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS	Is a mandatory field, even where attendance is an injury event.
ADDITIONAL TEXT FIELDS	All Additional text fields have been removed. These fields may still be collected locally, however they should not be sent to the Department of Human Services.
TRIAGE CATEGORY	Code 1 has been changed to accurately reflect definitions in the National Triage Scale (Australian College of Emergency Medicine). Previous definition, 1 = Resuscitation - seconds. Current definition, 1 = Immediate - 2 2 minutes.
ACRONYMS	All use of acronyms have been deleted from the manual. Acronyms must be converted before transmission to the database.
NATURE OF MAIN INJURY	Code 21 - Bites. Has been expanded to include venomous and non-venomous bites.
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT DIAGNOSIS (PRIMARY & ADDITIONAL)	Refer to Appendix 6, detailing changes to diagnosis codes for VEMD 3.0
APPENDICES	<p>New Appendix 1 - <i>Edits and Business Rules</i>. Appendix 1a - Summary Business Rules with implementation dates. Appendix 1b - Expanded Business Rules with details on how to correct rejections.</p> <p>Appendix 2 - <i>Region order of hospitals grouped according to hospital type</i> has been deleted.</p> <p>Appendix 6 - <i>Emergency Department Diagnosis codes</i>, includes amendments and additions.</p> <p>Appendix 7 - <i>NMDSIS 'Nature' category/Body region matrix</i>, includes an extra list for Poison/Toxic effect (excluding bite).</p> <p>Appendix 8 - <i>Summary of Amendments to Fields and Codes</i></p>

Notes:

All edit restraints relating to the above changes will also need to be updated, refer to Appendix 1 for detail.
 Refer to main body of manual for further information on changes.