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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/102-050706.pdf> and can be viewed as a downloadable file.

This bulletin provides information regarding:

- Hospital Code Table Updates
- DHS Circular Updates
- Australian Government Circular Updates
- HDSS Help Desk email address change
- PRS/2 processing for 1 July 2006
- Release of *Victoria – Public Hospitals and Mental Health Services Policy and Funding Guidelines 2006 – 2007*
- Collection of Indigenous Status

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

102.1 Hospital Code Table Updates

An updated version of the Hospital Code Table file, including the details below, has been posted onto the HDSS Website:

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

The excel file contains multiple worksheets that categorise public, private and non-Victorian hospitals, both in alphabetical and numerical order.

Hospital closure

Name	Campus code	Effective date
Lilydale Private Hospital	8330	30 June 2006

102.2 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

PHI 40/06 Second Tier default benefits

PHI 41/06 General information on hospital facilities

PHI 42/06 Gap cover schemes 2006 Annual Reports

Private Health Insurance circulars can be found at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/Publishing.nsf/Content/health-privatehealth-providers-circulars.htm>

To subscribe to the circulars, email your subscription details to Private Health Insurance Branch at privatehealth@health.gov.au

102.3 HDSS Help Desk email address change

The email address for the HDSS (PRS/2) Help Desk has changed to:

HDSS.Helpdesk@dhs.vic.gov.au

The previous address, PRS2.Help-Desk@dhs.vic.gov.au, will be diverted for a short time.

102.4 Public Hospitals and Mental Health Services Policy and Funding Guidelines 2006 – 2007

The Funding Policy Section has released the *Victoria – Public Hospitals and Mental Health Services Policy and Funding Guidelines 2006 – 2007*. The documents are available at the following website:

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

Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

102.5 PRS/2 processing for 2006-07

PRS/2 is not ready to receive data for the 2006-07 financial year. Please do not send transmission files with header dates from 1 July 2006 until notified via a HDSS Bulletin. Transmission files with header dates from 1 July 2006 will fail to process and facilities will be advised to re-send when the system is ready.

If data for the 2005-06 year needs to be corrected, please send this data in files with June header dates matching the dates used for the previous file. June dates can be re-sent as many times as required to ensure data for 2005-06 is complete.

102.6 Collection of Indigenous Status

The Koori Human Services Unit of DHS has analysed the use of Indigenous Status code 8 *Question unable to be asked* since its introduction from 1 July 2005, and has found trends indicating misuse of this code. The Reporting Guide for Indigenous Status in the VAED manual states:

Code 8 Question unable to be asked should only be used under the following circumstances:

- When the patient's medical condition prevents the question of Indigenous Status being asked; or
- In the case of an unaccompanied child who is too young to be asked their Indigenous Status.

For patients admitted in a state where they cannot be asked but their condition improves during their stay, it is expected that the question then be asked at a later stage and the record updated.

Code 8 should *not* be used for babies born in the hospital, as these are not 'unaccompanied'.

Patient is baby or child

The parent or guardian should be asked about the indigenous status of the child. If the mother of a newborn baby has not identified as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, hospital staff should *not* assume the baby is non-Aboriginal; the father may be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

A rejection edit will be introduced in the future to prevent the use of code 8 where a baby has Admission Source Y *Birth Episode*.

For further information refer to the Principles of recording Aboriginal Status in Victoria, available on the internet at <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/koori/>

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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