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Attention: Health Information Managers – For Action
VAED/ESIS/VEMD/VINAH Submission Officers – For Action
VAED/ESIS/VEMD/VINAH Software suppliers – For Action
Emergency Department Directors – For Action

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This bulletin provides information regarding:

- Hospital code table updates
- DHS and Australian Government Circular updates
- Cancelled amendment to VAED edit 484
- VAED Manual 16th Edition available on website
- DRG and WIES problems for PRS/2 processing
- Clarification of ESIS Data Quality and Timeliness Information in Bulletin 103
- Final consolidation for ESIS 2005-06 data

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.

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Global Update

106.1 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>

New Hospital Registrations

Name	Campus code	Effective date
Hobsons Bay Endoscopy Werribee	7830	5 September 2006
Frankston Private Day Surgery	7900	5 September 2006
Peninsula Oncology Centre	8920	4 September 2006

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

106.2 DHS circular update

The following circulars have been released, and can be found at:

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

Hospital Circular 16/2006

Subject:

1. Public Hospital Charges – Changes – Nursing Home Type Patients (NHTP)

106.3 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

- PHI 53/06 August 2006 Prosthesis List**
- PHI 54/06 Amendments to the August 2006 Prosthesis List**
- PHI 55/06 General hospital information for Western Australia and Victoria**
- PHI 56/06 2006 Biennial Health Conference: Exploring and Debating Acute Health Care Provision**

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

Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

106.4 Amendments to Edit 484 and edit table *Admission Type and Criterion for Admission*

The *Specifications for Revisions to PRS/2 and the VAED for 1 July 2006* released in May 2006 contained reference to changes to the *Admission Type and Criterion for Admission* edit table which would have added further editing for Admission Types L and X and Criterion for Admission E. Following further analysis and discussion, these changes will not proceed for 2006-07. No changes will be made to the edit or edit table.

106.5 VAED Manual 16th Edition 2006-07

A draft version of the VAED Manual 16th Edition 2006-07 has been placed on the HDSS website:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vaed/2006-07/manual/index.htm>

Printed manuals will be delivered to hospitals once 2006-07 PRS/2 processing has commenced.

106.6 DRG and WIES report problems for files processed between 12 - 19 Sep

PRS/2 files processed after midday on the 12 September 2006 were affected by an error in a reference data update which caused grouping of records to DRGs to fail. The problem was believed to be rectified and files re-processed, but it has now come to light that although the grouping of DRGs was corrected, WIES values were not calculated for some episodes.

As the problem did not affect the processing of files or acceptance of records, final consolidation was not delayed beyond 5pm on 19 Sep. The problem has now been resolved and files will be re-processed before the consolidation file is delivered to DHS. This will ensure that WIES values for all episodes are correct for funding purposes.

Hospitals will receive another copy of files processed after midday on Tuesday 12 September. You should confirm that the reports balance with your inhouse systems and, apart from WIES calculations, are the same as previous reports. Any discrepancies should be reported to the HDSS Help Desk (9096 8141, HDSS.Helpdesk@dhs.vic.gov.au).

Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)

106.7 Clarifications to ESIS Data Quality and Timeliness Information in Bulletin 103

"Reportable activity for a given month" refers to:

All clinical registrations, and

All administrative registrations, and

All Intra-episode events (scheduling, readiness and urgency events), and

All admissions, and

All removals, and

that occur in a given month.

Data Quality and Timeliness assessments will not be applied to edits relating to episodes whose PPP is 500+.

To assist sites in monitoring this, they have requested that the routine edit reports display the extract end date on which an edit was first observed to have been triggered, and the extract end date by which it should be corrected. This is an achievable but non-trivial change to the edit reports. HDSS will therefore endeavour to have this in place for January 2007. In the meantime HDSS will be able to supply this sort of information via ad hoc reports upon request (depending on demand).

106.8 Final Consolidation for ESIS 2005-06 Data

In a group email sent on 5 September 2006, ESIS Submission Officers and Software Vendors were advised that final consolidation of ESIS 2005-06 data would occur on Monday 18 September 2006. Final consolidation involved clearing episode records and their related intra episode event records from the editing database where the episodes had a removal date in any previous financial year.

Consolidation has necessitated the introduction of a new warning edit to handle the possibility that a site may attempt to update a record that has been removed in a previous financial year and therefore has been cleared from the editing database (see below).

S430 New Episode Record, Removal Date in Earlier Fin Year

Effect Warning

Problem An episode record has been submitted that:

- Does not currently exist in the ESIS editing database, AND
- Has a Removal Date in a previous financial year, AND
- Final consolidation for that year has passed.

Remedy Each year, around mid-September, all the episodes with Removal Dates falling in any previous financial years (and their intra episode events) are cleared out of the ESIS Editing Database. It may transpire that some systems will attempt to update one of these deleted records. Systems may also attempt to send an old episode (one removed in a previous financial year) for the first time. In either case, because final consolidation for that financial year has passed, the episode and any related intra episode records will not be inserted into the editing database.

If the episode was meant to have either:

- No Removal Date, OR
- A Removal Date in the current financial year,

then correct the episode record and resend it and all related intra-episode events.

If the Removal Date is correct then no further action is necessary, as the final consolidation for year of removal has passed.

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 five Victorian health data collections:

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

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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