

Bulletin

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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

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/107-041006.pdf> and can be viewed as a downloadable file.

This bulletin provides information regarding:

- Hospital Code Table Updates
- DHS and Australian Government Circular updates
- Call for Proposals for revisions to acute datasets (VAED, VEMD, ESIS, VINAH, AIMS)
- Further extension of deadline for Reimbursement request forms
- Release of VEMD Version 11 editor 0.9.1 (beta release)

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

107.1 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
Hampton Park Women's Health Centre	6110	11 September 2006

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

107.2 DHS circular update

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

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

Hospital Circular 17/2006

Subject:

1. Highly Specialised Drugs Program

107.3 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

PHI 57/06 **New risk equalisation arrangements for private health insurance**
PHI 58/06 **Approval for Second Tier Default Benefits**
PHI 59/06 **Amendments to the August 2006 Protheses List**
PHI 60/06 **New ASCII text file of the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS)**
PHI 61/06 **Nursing Home Type Patients (NHTP) and New Day Hospital Facility - Victoria**

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

107.4 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), the Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS), the Victorian Integrated Non-Admitted Health Minimum Dataset (VINAH), and the Agency Information Management System (AIMS), the Health Data Standards and Systems (HDSS) unit is now accepting proposals for changes to data collections for the 2007-08 financial year.

Each year the VAED, VEMD, ESIS, VINAH and AIMS 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.

For the VINAH collection change proposals through this process will only be considered for programmes with established data submission; that is, SACS. Any proposals for VINAH-SACS changes will be considered in the context of the need to maintain stability while the collection is still bedding down.

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 Directors of Rural and Regional Health and Aged Care Services and Metropolitan Health and Aged Care Services.

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>

107.5 Further extension of deadline for Reimbursement request forms

Bulletin 105 advised that requests for reimbursement from hospitals for changes to software systems for VAED, VEMD and ESIS reporting had to be received at DHS by 6 October 2006. Due to the continued delay in implementing 2006-07 software changes which therefore prevents hospitals from testing their upgrades, the deadline has been further extended to Friday 20 October 2006.

As stated in Bulletin 103, requests must be provided using the 'Vendor Actual Cost Forms (VAED, ESIS and VEMD) for 1 July 2006' on the HDSS web site at:

http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/forum/vendor_actual_costs_form_2006-07.doc .

Please note that as a consequence of the above extension, the date for cashflow of the funds is now expected to be in late November 2006.

Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)

107.7 Edit E339 and MS Access® VEMD Version 11 editor (beta release).

Submission officers were advised by group e-mail on 4 October 2006 that an issue has been identified in the software implementation of VEMD edit E339 "Inpatient Bed Request Date/Time and Departure Status Combination Invalid". In the editor used at sites, the edit has been correctly identifying problem records, but the Narrative for the edit has been returning the incorrect Departure Status value (the now discontinued "2 – Ward..."). Please note that the logic of the edit as specified and published has not changed. A revised version of the MS Access VEMD Editor (0.9.1) has been posted to:

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

Please contact submit.vemd@dhs.vic.gov.au if you have any questions.

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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