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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
- VAED – Issues with PRS/2 processing for 2006-07
- VAED – Procedure for requesting an exemption from late data penalties
- ICD-10-AM/ACHI Fifth Edition library file modification
- PICQ – Queries and requests for processing
- ESIS – Release of Proposals for Revisions for July 2007
- ESIS manual 9th edition section 5
- VINAH – Scope of Proposals for 2007-08
- VINAH – MDS Manual 2006-07

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

112.1 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.

New Hospital Registration

Name	Campus code	Effective date
Westpoint Endoscopy Day Hospital	7540	17 November 2006

Hospital Closure

Name	Campus code	Effective date
Casey Gardens Day Hospital	8510	1 September 2006

112.2 DHS circular update

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

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

Hospital Circular 23/2006

Subject:

1. Outpatient charges, PBS co-payments and Safety Net thresholds

Hospital Circular 24/2006

Subject:

1. 2006 Public Health Medical Workforce EBA – Guidelines and Process for Reimbursement Funding for Continuing Medical Education (CME) Support and Sabbatical Leave Backfill Premium Costs

Hospital Circular 25/2006

Subject:

1. 2006 Public Health Medical Workforce EBA – New Workplace Agreements

Hospital Circular 26/2006

Subject:

1. 2006 Public Health Medical Workforce EBA – Continuing Medical Education Expenses – Non-Specialists

Hospital Circular 27/2006

Subject:

1. Emergency ambulance services price increase

112.3 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

PHI 73/06	Changes to Private Health Insurance Consultation Forums December 2006
PHI 74/06	Standard Information Statements Qualitative Research Report – Available on Department’s website
PHI 75/06	Nursing Home Type Patients (NHTP)
PHI 76/06	Introduction of Private Health Insurance Legislation Package
PHI 77/06	Information Sessions: Private Health Insurance Legislation
PHI 78/06	Broader Health Cover Regulatory Framework
PHI 79/06	Neo-natal facilities in New South Wales
PHI 80/06	Corporate products – request for submissions and Second Tier Advisory Committee meeting
PHI 81/06	Guide to the Private Health Insurance Bill 2006
PHI 01/07	Announcement concerning Mr John Powley, Private Health Insurance Ombudsman
PHI 02/07	Approval of Outreach Services (Section 5D of the National Health Act 1953)
PHI 03/07	Approval for Second Tier Default Benefits

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)

112.4 Issues with PRS/2 processing for 2006-07

The following issues have been identified in PRS/2 processing for 2006-07 data:

Workcover Vic-DRG Statements

Problem: The VIC-DRG Base Fee was incorrect. It was \$3223 but should have been \$3222.

Status: The Base Fee was amended on 9 January 2007. VWA was notified that the fee was incorrect and were still accepting the statements. Statements already forwarded to VWA do not need to be re-sent

User Reconciliation Report

Problem: Some hospitals have reported problems in the calculation of the PRS/2 totals in this report.

Status: The problem appears to arise when episodes that are unseparated between the file header dates are not present in the transmission file. The issue is under investigation.

Overlapping Episode errors / Deletions and re-submissions in same file

Problem: R027 or R063, or other edits, may be triggered on a record where a deletion record for the same UR Number has been submitted in the same transmission file.

Status: A fix was installed on 10 January 2007.

Edit 192 Invalid Combination Intention to Readmit / Separation Mode

Problem: This edit is still triggering as a "Fatal" edit, F192, but should have been triggering as a "Rejection", R192. Any episode triggering this edit **must** be fixed and re-submitted.

Status: This problem was resolved on 22 November 2006. The episodes that were accepted but triggered "Fatal" edit 192 will be sent to hospitals in the Notifiables spreadsheets, and **must** be rectified and re-submitted to PRS/2.

112.5 Procedure for requesting an exemption from late data penalties

Hospitals anticipating problems in meeting submission deadlines for episodes, diagnoses or sub-acute records must apply for an extension in writing. In order to streamline the process for requesting exemptions, HDSS will be trialling a new form for submission of requests.

It is anticipated that the use of this form will make the exemption request process easier to administer for both HDSS and Hospitals by ensuring that all required information is available and in a consistent format.

From now on, all requests must be made using the *VAED Late Data Exemption Request* form, available on our website:

http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vaed/vaed_exemption_request.doc

Requests will not be accepted in any other form.

The completed form may be returned via one of the following methods:

- Emailed to our Help Desk (HDSS.Helpdesk@dhs.vic.gov.au), or
- Posted to Andrew Brown, Manager Health Data Standards and Systems, Funding Health and Information Policy, Metropolitan Health and Aged Care Services, or
- Faxed (9096 7743), marked for the attention of Andrew Brown.

Hospitals are reminded that allocation of episodes on new Unique Keys (where the original Unique Key is deleted and a new one allocated) may appear as 'late' on the VAED if the re-submission is made after the consolidation date. If the original record was submitted before the relevant consolidation date, the details of old and new Unique Keys should be recorded on the *VAED Late Data Exemption Request* form and returned to HDSS.

112.6 PICQ Queries and Requests for Processing

HDSS staff members have received a number of queries relating to PICQ. Due to other more urgent priorities, these are unable to be answered at this time, but will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Please note that HDSS does not have the resources currently to run data for hospitals, and is unlikely to in the foreseeable future. However there are plans in the next six months to provide some Statewide data to allow hospitals to perform their own benchmarking activities.

HDSS will continue to promptly action any applications from hospitals to download PICQ 2006, which enables hospitals to run PICQ themselves.

112.7 ICD-10-AM/ACHI Fifth Edition library file modification

The age edits on the following diagnosis codes (468 codes) have been amended to allow the reporting of a birth for a patient aged less than 12 years or greater than 55 years:

ICD-10-AM Code range	Description	Change First Low Age (Column E)	Change First High Age (Column F)
000 – 099	Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium	12 10	55 60
Z32x	Pregnancy examination and test	12 10	55 60
Z33	Pregnancy state incidental	12 10	55 60
Z34x	Supervision of normal pregnancy	12 10	55 60
Z35.3	Supervision of pregnancy with history of insufficient antenatal care	12 10	55 60
Z36x	Antenatal screening	12 10	55 60
Z37X	Outcome of delivery	12 10	55 60
Z39x	Postpartum care and examination	12 10	55 60

The age edits on the following ACHI codes (86 codes) have been amended to allow the reporting of birth related procedures for a patient aged less than 12 years or greater than 55 years:

Block No	Block Description	Change First Low Age (Column E)	Change First High Age (Column F)
1333	Analgesia and anaesthesia during labour and delivery procedure	12 10	55 60
1334	Medical or surgical induction of labour	12 10	55 60
1335	Medical or surgical augmentation of labour	12 10	55 60
1336	Spontaneous vertex delivery	12 10	55 60
1337	Forceps delivery	12 10	55 60
1338	Vacuum extraction	12 10	55 60
1339	Breech delivery and extraction	12 10	55 60
1340	Caesarean section	12 10	55 60
1341	Fetal monitoring	12 10	55 60
1342	Manipulation of fetal position and presentation	12 10	55 60
1343	Other procedures associated with delivery	12 10	55 60
1344	Postpartum suture	12 10	55 60
1345	Postpartum evacuation of uterus	12 10	55 60
1346	Correction of inverted uterus	12 10	55 60
1347	Other postpartum procedures	12 10	55 60

Please note that HDSS sought advice from the Perinatal Data Collection Unit when modifying the age edits, however the reporting of a birth for a patient aged less than 12 years old will result in an error DRG as the grouper's low age limit for a birth is 12 years old. HDSS has

therefore sent a recommendation to the Commonwealth that the grouper age edits also be revised.

In accordance with PICQ indicator 100020 *Infectious agent code as principal diagnosis* and NCCH advice a restraint has been added to the following diagnosis codes (32 codes) to reject if assigned as a principal diagnosis code:

ICD-10-AM Code range	Description	Change Coding practices (Column K)
B95 – B97	Bacterial, viral and other infectious agents	1 reject – unacceptable first code

Please ensure that this modification is made to the 2006-07 library file. Alternatively the updated library file is available for downloading at:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/reffiles/2006-07/vaed/libfil06.htm>

Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)

112.8 Release of Proposals for Revisions to ESIS for 1 July 2007

On 6 December 2006 the Proposals for Revisions to ESIS for 1 July 2007 document was released to the ESIS Technical Reference Group (TRG) and software vendors. The document is now also available on the HDSS website:

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

A feedback proforma is provided on the last page of the document. Feedback will be accepted until Friday 9 February 2007 and can be forwarded to the HDSS Help Desk (HDSS.Helpdesk@dhs.vic.gov.au)

Final acceptance of proposals is dependent on the Executive Director, Metropolitan Health and Aged Care Services, based upon recommendations by the Data Management Advisory Committee (DMAC).

112.9 ESIS Manual 9th Edition 2006-07

A draft version of the ESIS Manual 9th Edition 2006-07, Section 5 has been placed on the HDSS website:

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

Victorian Integrated Non-Admitted Health (VINAH) MDS

112.10 Scope and Proposals for 2007-08

Proposals for revisions to the VINAH MDS for 1 July 2007 were distributed via email to known VINAH Stakeholders. Copies are also available on the HDSS website:

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

Final acceptance of proposals is dependent on the Executive Director, Metropolitan Health and Aged Care Services, based upon recommendations by the Data Management Advisory Committee (DMAC).

Anyone with queries or comments is welcome to contact HDSS to discuss the proposals.

The following is an extract from the document, which provides information regarding the future directions of VINAH.

To assist in informing future planning for Hospitals, Health Services, Agencies and Software Vendors the following activities are being considered for VINAH development:

- Consolidate HARP-CDM and SACS reporting
Reporting of HARP-CDM and SACS programs to VINAH will be consolidated and data quality issues considered, building on the progress already made. A VINAH Technical Reference Group consisting of stakeholders from the programs that report to VINAH will be established to provide a consolidated consultative mechanism for ongoing development of the collection.
- Prepare VINAH to accept data from Palliative Care programs from 01 July 2007
Actual implementation dates of the transition to VINAH reporting for Palliative Care are yet to be confirmed with services, however the prerequisite step is to have the VINAH validation engine ready to accept data and specifications published. It is expected that a new Palliative Care National Minimum Dataset will be introduced in the future and these changes will position the Department to meet Victoria's future reporting requirements under that NMDS.
- Prepare VINAH to accept data from Post Acute Care programs
It is proposed that PAC collect data from 01 January 2008 and report from 1 July 2008.
- Explore options for Outpatient Reporting through VINAH
In the coming year, the Department will explore options for using the VINAH MDS as a basis for improving the Outpatient data reporting system. No firm dates for implementation have been set and no firm decisions on whether such a collection will proceed have been made.

The proposals contained in this document are intended to support the activities above and build on the gains already made in implementing this new data collection.

112.11 VINAH MDS Manual 2006-7

Section 9 of the VINAH Manual v2 has been released and was published to the HDSS website on 15 January 2007.

It contains code sets for the value domain of each data element in Section 3 of the manual with a form specification of 'Code'. This section is published as an Excel workbook with one worksheet per code set table.

If you are unable to utilise Excel-format files please contact the HDSS Help Desk to make alternative arrangements.

The 2006-07 version of Section 9 also contains worksheets giving an introduction, a hyperlinked list of tables and a version history.

Please note that the original release of Section 9 contained an error in fixed value table HL70211, a revised version was published to the web on 25 January 2007.

Section 9 is complete except for Client Service Event Provider codes, for sites that provide HARP-CDM but not SACS (these will be added shortly).

The website now contains the following sections of the VINAH Manual 2006-07, the URL is: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vinah/2006-07/index.htm>

- Section 2: *Concept Definitions and Derived Item Definitions*
- Section 3: *Data Definitions*
- Section 5: *Generation and Transmission*
- Section 9: *Supplementary Code Lists (New)*

Other sections of the manual will be added as they become available.

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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