

# 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

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This bulletin provides information regarding:

- Hospital Code Table Updates
- DHS and Australian Government circular updates
- Reimbursement arrangements for software changes for 2006-07
- VAED: Release of 'Draft' Specifications for revision for 1 July 2007
- VAED: Delivery of VAED Manual 16<sup>th</sup> Edition
- VAED: Reconciling Census Reports
- VAED: Admission of Type B procedures
- ESIS: Release of 'Draft' Specifications for revision for 1 July 2007
- VEMD: Release of 'Draft' Specifications for revision for 1 July 2007
- VINAH: Release of 'Draft' Specifications for revision for 1 July 2007
- VINAH: Release of updated VINAH Manual, Section 3

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

## 113.1 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.

### Rehab Level 2(Care Type 6) Approval

The following hospitals have been granted approval for Rehabilitation Level 2 (Care Type 6).

Name	Campus code	Effective date
St John of God Healthcare Warrnambool	6100	1 October 2006
Cotham Private Hospital	6920	1 October 2006

### New Hospitals

The following hospitals have been allocated Campus Codes but Craigieburn Health Service, Yarra Ranges Health and Knox Health Care Facility are not yet operational.

Name	Campus code	Effective date
Melton Health	3680	1 February 2007
Craigieburn Health Service	3670	TBA
Yarra Ranges Health	3690	TBA
Knox Health Care Facility	2330	TBA

## 113.2 DHS circular update

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

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

### **Hospital Circular 01/2007**

Subject:

1. Highly Specialised Drug Program

### **Hospital Circular 02/2007**

Subject:

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

### **Hospital Circular 03/2007**

Subject:

1. Highly Specialised Drug Program

## 113.3 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

<b>PHI 04/07</b>	<b>General hospital information for Queensland</b>
<b>PHI 05/07</b>	<b>Guide to the Private Health Insurance Rules</b>
<b>PHI 06/07</b>	<b>Clarification to the Guide to the Private Health Insurance Rules</b>
<b>PHI 07/07</b>	<b>Changes to private health insurance information sessions, February 2007</b>
<b>PHI 08/07</b>	<b>Private Health Insurance Bill 2007 – Prosthesis cost recovery</b>
<b>PHI 09/07</b>	<b>General hospital information</b>
<b>PHI 10/07</b>	<b>Additional Guide to the Private Health Insurance Rules</b>
<b>PHI 11/07</b>	<b>General hospital information</b>
<b>PHI 12/07</b>	<b><i>National Health Amendment Regulations 2007 (No. 1): Overseas apprentice health cover</i></b>
<b>PHI 13/07</b>	<b>Day hospital facility name change - Queensland</b>

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](mailto:privatehealth@health.gov.au)

## 113.4 Reimbursement arrangements for software changes for 2006-07

Reimbursement funds will be distributed to most health services on 03 April 2007, payments to smaller rural and regional hospitals may be delayed slightly beyond that date.

## **Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)**

### **113.5 Release of *Specifications for revision to PRS/2 and the VAED for 1 July 2007***

The Specifications have been released and are available on our website at:  
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vaed/index.htm>

The Specifications are in 'Draft' status, pending endorsement by the Executive Director, Metropolitan Health and Aged Care Services. The expectation is that the current document will be made 'Final' by the end of March 2007.

### **113.6 VAED Manual 16th Edition 2006-07**

The 2006-07 VAED manual is currently being printed and is expected to be delivered to each hospital and software supplier before the end of March 2007. Manuals delivered to hospitals and day facilities will be addressed to 'Chief Health Information Manager'.

### **113.7 Census Report and PRS/2 Report Reconciliation**

Many hospitals seem to be unaware of the function of the Census Report that is provided as part of the PRS/2 suite of reports generated when a transmission file is processed. The Census Report lists all episodes that PRS/2 considers are 'remaining in' as of the header end-date of your transmission file. For example, if you have sent a file with header dates 01/01/2007 – 31/01/2007, the report will show all episodes held on PRS/2 without a Separation Date as at 31 January 2007. The report may also be requested for another date range if required.

The Census Report should be checked when reviewing every transmission report, and should be compared against a report generated from your in-house software system for the same date. If there are episodes on the Census Report that should have been separated before the given date, then these must be addressed immediately.

Episodes listed on the Census Report will continue to accumulate patient days on the PRS/2 database, resulting in incorrect patient day calculations on the VAED, and may also cause the User Reconciliation Report PRS/2 totals to vary from the Trailer Record totals. Episodes remaining unseparated on the PRS/2 database will cause overlapping errors if the patient is subsequently readmitted.

If an episode is listed on the Census Report but has been separated from your in-house system, it means that the separation episode was either never included in a transmission file, or was included, rejected, and not corrected. You must resubmit a separation record for the episode even if it should have been separated in a prior financial year.

## 113.8 Admission of Type B procedures

Hospitals are reminded that all Type B procedures performed on hospital premises are considered 'admitted' procedures and must therefore be reported to the VAED. This is regardless of the election status of the patient and any billing or contracting arrangements with the treating doctor.

## **Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)**

113.9 Release of *Specifications for revision to ESIS for 1 July 2007*

The Specifications have been released and are available on our website at:

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

The Specifications are in 'Draft' status, pending endorsement by the Executive Director, Metropolitan Health and Aged Care Services. The expectation is that the current document will be made 'Final' by the end of March 2007.

## **Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)**

### **113.10 Release of *Specifications for revision to VEMD for 1 July 2007***

The Specifications have been released and are available on our website at:

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

The Specifications are in 'Draft' status, pending endorsement by the Executive Director, Metropolitan Health and Aged Care Services. The expectation is that the current document will be made 'Final' by the end of March 2007.

## Victorian Integrated Non-Admitted Health Minimum Dataset (VINAH MDS)

### 113.11 Release of *Specifications for revision to the VINAH MDS for 1 July 2007*

The Specifications have been released and are available on our website at:  
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vinah/index.htm>

The Specifications are in 'Draft' status, pending endorsement by the Executive Director, Metropolitan Health and Aged Care Services. 'Final' Specifications are expected to be released by the end of March 2007, and will include some currently missing data as noted in the document (predominantly HL7 message locations for new data elements). It provides the following information:

- Amended, deleted and new concept definitions, derived items and business data elements.
- Summary tables for business Data Elements (to be added to Section 3 in 2007-08)
- Generic Process Diagrams (to be added to Section 2 in 2007-08)

A second document will be released, and will provide:

- Amended, deleted and new transmission data elements, edits and business rules.
- Reference files to be updated for 1 July 2007.
- End of financial year considerations.
- Amended and deleted Supplementary Code Lists.
- Amended submission file specifications.

Victorian organisations required to report VINAH MDS for 2007-08, are those with the following programs:

- SACS and HARP-CDM: Monthly reporting from 01 July 2007.
- Post Acute Care: Collection from 01 January 2008, reporting no later than 01 July 2008.
- Community Palliative Care: Transition dates to be advised.
- Outpatients: Pilot participation and dates to be advised.

## 113.12 VINAH MDS Manual 2006-07

Section 3 of the VINAH Manual v2 has been re-released. The *Case Referrals* data element should have been removed in the November 2006 amendment and replaced with the *Referral Destination* element. Consequently the data element appeared in two places, once as *Case Referrals* and once as *Referral Destination*. The *Case Referrals* data element has been removed.

Section 4 has now been released, and Section 9 is now complete including the Client Service Event Provider codes, for sites that provide HARP-CDM.

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 4: *Business Rules* (New)
- Section 5: *Generation and Transmission*
- Section 9: *Supplementary Code Lists*

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 Health 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.

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

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