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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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and can be viewed as a downloadable file.

This bulletin provides information regarding:

- Hospital Code Table Updates
- DHS and Australian Government Circulars
- VAED: Reporting National Bowel Cancer Screening Program episodes
- VAED: 2007-08 processing status
- VAED: Outstanding diagnosis and sub-acute records advice
- VAED: Updates to clinical coding webpages
- VAED: Admission Policy information
- VAED: APET for 2007-08
- VEMD: Section 7 of VEMD manual released
- ESIS: Data Quality and Timeliness
- ESIS: Sections 1, 3 and 7 and Reference Data released
- VINAH: Manual updates

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Global Update

117.1 Hospital Code Table Updates

An updated version of the Supplementary Code Lists, including the details below, has been posted onto the HDSS Website:

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

Errata: Bulletin 116 contained an error in advising that Casey Hospital and The Angliss have been approved to report Care Type 2. This should have been Rehabilitation Level 2, Care Type 6.

Rehabilitation Program Level 2 (Care Type 6) Approval

The following hospitals have been granted approval for Care Type 2 services.

Name	Campus code	Effective date
Angliss, The	1590	1 July 2007
Casey Hospital	3660	1 July 2007

GEM (Care Type 9) Services

The following hospital has been granted approval for Care Type 9 services.

Name	Campus code	Effective date
Wantirna Health	2330	1 Sep 2007

The following hospital will cease reporting Care Type 9 services.

Name	Campus code	Effective date
Maroondah Hospital	1210	30 Sep 2007

SOU (Short-Stay Observation Unit)

The following hospital has been granted approval for SOU.

Name	Campus code	Effective date
Sandringham Hospital	1360	1 Jul 2007

117.2 DHS circular update

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

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

Hospital Circular 12/2007

Subject:

1. Implementation of Phase One of the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) to June 2008.

Hospital Circular 13/2007

Subject:

1. Highly Specialised Drugs Program.

117.3 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

- PHI 38/07** Consultation forums on Quality Assurance requirements for privately insured services
- PHI 39/07** General hospital information, Second Tier Advisory Committee Meeting and the Australian Day Hospital Association Conference
- PHI 40/07** *Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Rules (No. 2)*
- PHI 41/07** Consultation forums on Quality Assurance requirements for privately insured services (Adelaide and Perth dates rescheduled)
- PHI 42/07** Prostheses List Review

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)

117.4 Reporting episodes for the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program

The National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) is an initiative of the Australian Government. People turning 55 and 65 between 1 May 2006 and 30 June 2008 will be invited to undergo screening for bowel cancer. In Victoria, there will also be a limited number of people invited aged 57-74, (who participated in the NBCSP Pilot Program) that will also be re-invited to undergo screening under the Program.

The department recently notified four metropolitan and 10 regional health services of their designation as primary points for referral of NBCSP participants requiring colonoscopies in the public sector. In those designated health services, colonoscopies performed on patients participating in the NBCSP will be funded separately with additional WIES payable upon quarterly claim.

In order to identify these patients, episodes must be reported using Contract/Spoke Identifier 0110 *National Bowel Cancer Program*. Please refer to the VAED Manual (Section 3 *Contract/Spoke Identifier* and Section 4 (Tabular) *Contracting: Funding Arrangement and Contract Fields*) for more information. Note, Funding Arrangement is reported as 2 *Hub/Spoke*.

Services, both public and private that were not selected as designated providers are also encouraged to report any colonoscopies that they perform that arise from NBCSP referrals. This will assist the Department in reviewing the overall load placed on all public health services as a result of the Program.

Subsequent episodes for patients initially referred for colonoscopy under the NBCSP should *not* be reported with Contract/Spoke ID 0110; only colonoscopies should be reported in this way.

117.5 Information regarding 2007-08 processing

HDSS regrets that at this busy time of the year we cannot provide individual responses to queries relating to the 2007-08 processing status and other related issues. All information will be provided via HDSS Bulletin as soon as it is available. Unfortunately, answering queries on an individual basis delays takes time away from the development and testing work required to implement changes related to the new financial year as quickly as possible.

There is no firm implementation date for 1 July 2007 changes, however at this stage we are not expecting any major delays.

117.6 Outstanding diagnosis and Sub-Acute records

HDSS will no longer be able to provide detailed reports to public hospitals regarding any outstanding diagnosis and sub-acute records, which were previously provided following each month's consolidated file. For 2007-08, the Outstanding Diagnosis report will be a standard report. For the remainder of the 2006-07 year hospitals are advised that they should continue to monitor outstanding data using the reports generated from transmission file processing to identify episodes for which diagnosis and/or sub-acute records have not been received. It is strongly recommended that hospitals should always request Diagnoses Outstanding and Sub-Acute Outstanding reports when sending every transmission file. Details of how to request these reports are in Section 6 of the VAED manual. Please also review the submission deadlines for data, published in the Policy and Funding Guidelines. Data not received within published deadlines may be subject to funding penalties.

117.7 Updates to clinical coding web page

There have been several updates made recently to the HDSS web site.

1. The VICC queries database has been updated with queries finalised at the March, April and May 2007 meetings
2. The Vic Additions to the Australian Coding Standards have been updated and added to the web site. There are three changes to this document since last year:
 - 1) the special instructions for the prefixing of obstetric codes have been deleted. Obstetric codes should now be prefixed following the same guidelines as for other codes
 - 2) Vic 0029 Coding of contracted procedures has been updated to include the NHDD definition of contracted care and to provide more specific direction for the coding of these procedures
 - 3) Vic 2001 External cause code and sequencing has been updated to provide advice about the assignment and prefixing of multiples of the same external cause code.
3. A new folder has been created on the clinical coding page called 'Feature articles'. This folder will be used to publish articles of interest from time to time. The first article in this folder provides direction for the coding of contracted care when the procedure is performed at both sites.
4. The calendar of ICD coding systems and DRG grouping systems used in Victoria has been updated for the new financial year
5. The library file for 2007-08 has one minor change - code the prefixing edit on Z39.1 has been changed from 'warn if C or A' to 'warn if A'.
6. PICQ 2006 is now available for licence application and download.
7. A new folder on the clinical coding page called 'Financial year updates' will soon be available. This folder will contain a document outlining the changes to classification versions and editions for the financial year - this replaces the Special Edition Newsletter which will no longer be published - sites will be advised when it is ready.

117.8 Admission policy

An Admission Policy for 2007-08 is currently under development. When it is available it will be posted on the web site, instructions regarding application of the policy especially with regard to effective date will be provided, and notification will be made via the Bulletin and the contact list. It is not anticipated that there will be major changes made to the policy for this financial year. In the meantime the DHS Hospital Admission Policy 2003-04 is the most current policy and must be followed. This Admission Policy can be found at:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vaed/vaedcomms.htm>. The current Policy and Funding Guidelines makes reference to the Department of Human Service Hospital Admission Policy 2007—08 in section 1.2 of the General Conditions of Funding. However this statement in the Policy and Funding Guidelines should be read in the context of the information provided here.

117.9 APET for 2007-08

APET changes for 2007-08 are currently being tested and hospitals will be advised when it is available. In the meantime, do not enter data for 2007-08.

Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)

117.10 VEMD Manual Version 12 - Section 7

Section 7 (Editing) of the VEMD manual was published as a PDF on 27 June. Please note that it incorrectly lists edit E372 – 'Age Invalid' as a Rejection triggering at age 125. It is in fact, a Notifiable and will trigger for patients over 105. A revised PDF of Section 7 was published to: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vemd/2007-08/manual/index.htm> on 3 July 2007.

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

117.11 VINAH Manual 2007-08 Updates

The following sections of the VINAH Manual have been re-released:

Section 2: Concept and Derived Item Definitions

- Incorporating the advice printed in HDSS Bulletin 114

Section 3: Data Definitions

- All amendments listed in 'Changes for this edition'.
- Majority of changes relate to the technical aspects of the data elements, such as the field size, layout and location of the data element (HL7 related).
- *Contact/Client Service Event Main Purpose*: Guide for use has been updated to provide additional detail for many of the values.
- *Preferred Language* Guide for use updated to reflect the change in code set.

Section 9: Code sets

- Added code BROKER to 990012.
- Removed tables for Country of Birth and Preferred Language, added link to HDSS Reference files (as per HDSS Bulletin 115).

Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)

117.12 Data Quality and Timeliness

Sites were advised in bulletin 115 that the upcoming "Public hospitals and mental health services Policy and funding guidelines 2007–08 General conditions of funding" publication may refer to "Rejections" where it should refer to "Corrections". All "Correction" edits relating to episodes where the PPP is less than 500, should be resolved within 21 days of the end date of the extract in which they were first identified.

117.13 ESIS Manual 10th Edition 2007-08

Sections 1, 3 and 7 of the 2007-08 ESIS Manual are available from:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/esis/2007-08/manual/index.htm>

Section 8 (Supplementary code lists) will not be published as a pdf. It has been replaced by a browse-able database available from:

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

This database contains the following features:

- All reference data except postcode locality data, in use since July 2005 and effective date ranges of data items and codesets.
- Capacity to search for PPPs by Surgical Specialty and common terms, with mapping to ICD-10-AM block and procedure codes.
- All versions of all edits in use since 1 July 2005.
- Export-to-text functionality for outputting codesets.

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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