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Attention: Health Information Managers – For Action
VAED/ESIS/VEMD/VINAH/AIMS Submission Officers – For Action
VAED/ESIS/VEMD/VINAH/AIMS 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/118-270707.pdf> and can be viewed as a downloadable file.

This bulletin provides information regarding:

- Hospital Code Table Updates
- DHS and Australian Government Circulars
- VAED: Errata to advice for reporting NBCSP episodes
- VAED: Statewide PICQ results
- VAED: 2007-08 Manual available
- VAED: Change to Late Data Exemption Request form
- AIMS: 2007-08 Summary of changes
- AIMS: 2006-07 End of Financial Year

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.

Yours faithfully,

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Global Update

118.1 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

Name	Campus code	Effective date
Hyperbaric Health	7100	1 July 2007

118.2 DHS circular update

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

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

Hospital Circular 14/2007

Subject:

1. National Guidelines – Patient's Use of Own Medications

Hospital Circular 16/2007

Subject:

1. Ministerial Review of Victorian Public Health Medical Staff – Data Survey

118.3 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

- PHI 43/07 Consultation Forums on the quality assurance requirements for privately insured services – Cancellation of Hobart Forum**
- PHI 44/07 General hospital information**
- PHI 45/07 Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Amendment Rules (No.1) 2007 (No.2)**
- PHI 46/07 More Health Insurance Choice, Outcomes from the Private Health Insurance Corporate Products 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)

118.4 Reporting episodes for the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program - Errata

Bulletin 117 contained an error in that the Funding Arrangement for reporting NBCSP should be 1 *Contract*, not 2 *Hub/Spoke*. Please refer to the definitions and business rules in the VAED Manual:

Section 3 *Contract/Spoke Identifier*

Section 4: *Contracting: Contract Fields, Contract Leave and Funding Arrangement, and Contracting: Funding Arrangement and Contract Fields.*

118.5 Statewide PICQ results

Statewide PICQ results are now available on the web site. These results are provided for benchmarking purposes and include public hospital PICQ results by indicator for 2004-05 and 2005-06, using:

- PICQ 2006 (first release) Fourth Edition indicators; and
- The VAED consolidated file as at June 2007.

This information can be found at:

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

118.6 VAED Manual 17th Edition 2007-08

The VAED Manual 17th Edition 2007-08 is now available on the HDSS website.

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

Please note the change in hierarchy of the Criterion for Admission codes. Code C *Type C* is now below code B *Type B*. E *Extended Medical Treatment* is now above O *Overnight*. Criterion for Admission codes are in a hierarchy so the first appropriate code should be used. For example, a patient admitted at 11.30pm and separated at 4am will usually fit first into category E *Extended Medical Treatment* rather than Criterion O *Overnight*.

Other changes may be made to the manual at a later date when the 2007 Admission Policy is released.

Please be advised that printed copies of the VAED Manual will not be produced for 2007-08.

118.7 Change to Late Data Exemption Request Form

A change has been made to the Late Data Exemption Request Form on our website. If you have a local copy, please download the new version.

Please note that HDSS will no longer respond to a request via letter and will instead email a receipt confirmation.

Hospitals should be aware that exemptions for late VAED data are not generally granted at the time of request. All requests are considered after the 17 September final consolidation, taking other factors such as overall record of timeliness into account.

Agency Information Management System (AIMS)

118.8 Data Collections for 2007-08: Summary of Changes

The summary document outlining changes to AIMS data collections for 2007-08 and business justifications for these changes will be released in electronic format on the AIMS website shortly:

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

Please forward this information to the relevant staff who need to be aware of these changes.

Version 15.0 of the AIMS Manuals will be released on the AIMS website over the next few weeks.

Please contact the HealthCollect Help Desk via email helpdesk@healthcollect.vic.gov.au or phone 9096 8595 for any queries regarding any technical issues, any other issues should be referred to the HDSS Help Desk.

A3 Hospital Beds - Public: Summary of Changes

The Public Hospital Beds form currently lists Acute Services (excluding Mental Health) which incorporates same day and overnight stays. A Commonwealth requirement is for this information to be split so that we will receive same day and overnight stays separately.

AIMS2007-08 will require minor changes to split the existing cell and modify labels to include same day and overnight into the new cells.

Remove:

Acute Services (excluding mental health)

Add:

Acute Services (excluding mental health) – Same Day

Acute Services (excluding mental health) – Overnight

S8 Radiotherapy: Summary of Changes

Remove 'View Only' status from :

Megavoltage Treatment

Field Range 121+ (OLD) – This item is not included in 'TOTAL'

Planning:

Total Simulation Level 3 (OLD)

Total CT Dosimetry Level 3 (OLD)

Total non-CT Dosimetry Level 3 (OLD)

Remove completely, ie delete:

Total non CT Dosimetry level 3 (NEW)

Total non CT Dosimetry level 4 (NEW)

Mental Health Establishment (MHE) Collection 2006-07:

Minor changes have been made to the Mental Health Establishment (MHE) Collection forms. These changes will be advised to you via the Mental Health Alcohol & Drug (MHAD) Division shortly.

HealthCollect:

We are preparing to release the 2007-08 financial year updates to the HealthCollect website.

In addition to the changes to the individual returns there are some general system changes including:

- all passwords will be case sensitive
- one logon will be used for HealthCollect eg. F1, AIMS, APET, Secure Data Exchange
- a facility to change your own password will be available

Sites will be advised once the new system is released (around 1st week of August). When this occurs, we will ask you to logon to check your access availability to the website, to ensure plenty of time to submit your first returns for 2007-08.

118.9 AIMS 2006-07 End of Financial Year

The level of compliance for submission of AIMS returns has improved significantly this year and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all agencies that have submitted data and responded to queries and requests in a timely manner.

To ensure the smooth completion of the 2006-07 reporting year, all agencies must now submit any outstanding returns, including the month of June, and ensure that forms are ticked as complete. All data should be submitted and verified by 17 September 2007.

To check forms are complete and accurate, please refer to the AIMS online entry system compliance reports and year-to-date hospital activity reports located under the Hospital Reporting folder. Where an error is detected, then a correction should be submitted.

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.

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