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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/119-140807.pdf> and can be viewed as a downloadable file.

This bulletin provides information regarding:

- Hospital Code Table updates
- Australian Government circulars update
- Release of postcode reference files
- DHS contribution to funding software changes for 2007-08
- APET: 2007-08 manual available
- VAED: PRS/2 processing update
- VAED: Extension of deadline for July data
- ESIS: Update to Reference data
- ESIS: Reporting of ESAS patients
- ESIS: Amendment to manual - Insurance declaration
- VINAH: 2007-08 Manual updates
- VINAH: 2007-08 Processing Update

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

119.1 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
Victorian Sleep Centre	8110	13 July 2007

119.2 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

- PHI 51/07 Corporate Products Review – Clarification Regarding Promotional Products**
- PHI 50/07 Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Amendment Rules 2007 (No. 3) and new private hospital - Victoria**
- PHI 49/07 Appointment of the Chair of the Prostheses List Review**
- PHI 48/07 Guidelines for Determining Benefits for Health Insurance Purposes for Private Patient Hospital Based Mental Health Care (2007 Edition)**
- PHI 47/07 Corporate Products Review – Clarification**

Private Health Insurance circulars can be found at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/health-phicirculars2007-index1>

To subscribe to the circulars, email your subscription details to Private Health Insurance Branch at privatehealth@health.gov.au

119.3 Postcode/Locality Reference Files

Updated postcode and locality files for 2007-08 are now available from our website:

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

119.4 DHS contribution to funding software changes for 2007-08

As in the past two years, DHS will again provide a separate contribution to costs incurred by Public Hospitals in making changes to software systems to support statutory reporting for 2007-08. This funding contribution is over and above the amounts already included in WIES and other funding to support reporting activity.

This information applies to changes for VAED, ESIS and VEMD. Contributions for changes to VINAH may be negotiated on a case-by-case basis with hospitals and health services.

The following systems are excluded from this process as DHS funds all changes to these systems directly:

- iSoft Homer;
- HealthSMART systems;
- APET.

Eligible hospitals should complete the form on the HDSS website at <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/> and return it, along with supporting documentation, to the HDSS Help desk via e-mail, mail or fax by close of business 02 November 2007. The form will be available within the next few days, although hospitals are encouraged to complete user acceptance testing of their systems and ensure they are able to successfully transmit data prior to seeking a DHS funding contribution.

Please note that, as in previous years, the amount of funding available for contribution to hospital costs is capped and will be distributed as equitably as possible.

Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

119.5 APET Manual 2007-08

The APET Manual 2007-08 is now available on our website:
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/apet/index.htm>

Please note that the APET system for 2007-08 is currently being tested and is not yet available for data entry.

119.6 PRS/2 Processing Update and July Exemption for Late Data

Testing for 2007-08 PRS/2 processing is progressing well. At this stage, the tentative installation date is 20 August 2007 so that processing for August consolidation is not interrupted, although this date may change if necessary. PRS/2 processing will be unavailable from 20 August 2007 for several days until notified.

As requested in Bulletin 117, please do not submit individual enquiries to our Help Desk as all information will be disseminated via Bulletin.

The deadline for submission of July 2007 episode data has been extended to 17 September 2007. Hospitals are not required to submit Requests for Exemption on an individual basis for July data. Further decisions regarding submission deadlines will be made once implementation of July changes has been completed.

Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)

119.7 ESIS Reference Data Version 10.1

ESIS Reference Data at

http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/esis/2007-08/manual/esis_ref_data.zip

was updated on 2 August 2007. The extent of the update was a refresh of campus-related codesets. Please ensure you are using Version 10.1 by replacing your existing copy with the copy above.

119.8 Reporting of ESAS Patients

Sites are reminded that when removing a waiting list episode where the patient has received their awaited procedure at an ESAS hospital, they should:

- Report the patient as Removed (with Reason For Removal of "S"), only after they have confirmed that the awaited procedure has been received.
- Report the Removal Date as being the date on which the procedure was performed.
- Report the Date of Admission, (which may be earlier than the date of the procedure) as advised by the receiving hospital.
- Report the ESAS site's campus code in the Destination field. This code must exist in the codeset of valid campus codes for the Destination field – see http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/esis/2007-08/manual/esis_ref_data.zip
- Ensure that the waiting episode is listed as Ready For Care as at the Removal Date (with the Readiness event date presumably some time before the removal)
- Ensure that the waiting episode is not listed as Clinical Urgency '1' (Urgent) as at the Removal Date.
- Report a valid Insurance Declaration (not null).

Note that ESAS waiting list episodes receiving the awaited procedure at the Alfred Centre should be reported with code '1010' in the Destination field.

119.9 Amendment to ESIS Manual - Insurance Declaration

The version of Section 3: Data Definitions, ESIS Manual, 10th Edition, July 2007 published on 13 July 2007 to <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/esis/2007-08/manual/index.htm>) incorrectly omits code "Y" *Procedure received at intended campus, not planned at admission (excludes emergency admission)* from the list of Reason For Removal codes for which an Insurance Declaration should be reported. A revised version of Section 3 was published on 7 August 2007 and is available for download now. Business logic relating to edits remains unchanged.

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

119.10 VINAH Manual 2007-08 Updates

The following sections of the VINAH Manual has been updated on the website:

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

Section 9: Code sets

- Contains reference table HL70363 which was omitted from the previous release. These codes are used to identify TAC, VWA and DVA as funding sources. Users can refer to Section 3, Part II, Identifier Type for more information.
- Table 990012 Contact/Client Service Event Provider: Nine codes added

Provider Name	Code
Port Phillip Community Group	10308A
Melbourne Citymission Palliative Care	10292A
Eastern Palliative Care Association	10797A
Mercy Western Palliative Care	03129A
South East Palliative Care Ltd	10714A
Goulburn Valley Hospice Care Inc.	11587A
Ballarat Hospice Care Inc.	03112A
Banksia Palliative Care Services	03113A
Peninsula Hospice Service	10730A

- Table HL70362 Organisation Identifier: Two codes added

Organisation Name	Code
Banksia Palliative Care Services	BPCS
Peninsula Hospice Service	PHS

Appendix C: Processes for Transition to VINAH reporting for 2007-08

- Details processes for Software Vendors and Submitting Organisations to follow when transitioning to the 2007-08 VINAH version.

119.11 VINAH 2007-08 Processing Update

The 2007-08 version of the VINAH validation engine (VINAH 3) and HealthCollect portal is expected to be ready to accept test data from 01 September 2007.

Submitters will be expected to submit successful test transmissions demonstrating that data can be successfully created, amended and deleted as per Section 5 of the VINAH manual 2007-08 prior to sending live transmissions.

In order to help manage what is expected to be a peak load on the test environment during September, sites and/or vendors are asked to advise the Department through the HDSS help desk of their expected submission schedule prior to transmission.

Please note this information does not apply to Palliative Care services still submitting to VINAH through VicPCRS.

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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