

# Bulletin

Health Data Standards and Systems

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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:

- DHS and Australian Government Circulars
- VAED: PRS/2 processing status and final consolidation
- VAED: New Edit 634 Palliative Care
- VEMD: Final Consolidation for 2006-07
- VINAH: Manual updates

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

### 120.1 DHS circular update

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

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

#### **Hospital Circular 18/2007**

Subject:

1. Residential Aged Care – Compulsory Reporting of incidents involving alleged or suspected reportable assaults.

#### **Hospital Circular 15/2007**

Subject:

1. Highly Specialised Drugs Program

### 120.2 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

**PHI 54/07      Accreditation of podiatric surgeons (*Section 3AAA of the Health Insurance Act 1973*)**

**PHI 53/07      Administrative Arrangements for Second-Tier Default Benefits**

**PHI 52/07      New private hospital – Victoria & Review of Neo-Natal Facilities in NSW, WA and QLD**

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

## Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

### 120.3 PRS/2 Processing – Now accepting 2007-08 data and Final Consolidation

PRS/2 processing resumed on 29 August 2007 and both 2006-07 and 2007-08 data can now be transmitted. There may be some delays in distribution of reports due to the backlog of files to be processed.

Please note that all 2006-07 data must be submitted before 5pm on the 17 September 2007. No further updates to data will be accepted after this date and the consolidated file will be closed.

### 120.4 New Edit 634 Palliative Care Patient Days = Total Length of Stay

A new notifiable edit 634 has been introduced for 1 July 2007. The edit will trigger where the episode has been reported with a Care Type other than 8 *Palliative Care Program*, and the Palliative Care Patient Days are the same as the total length of stay. If a patient is admitted under another Care Type but changes to Palliative on the day of admission, the Care Type must be reported as 8 *Palliative Care Program* for the entire episode. When a patient's Care Type changes, the 'as of midnight' Care Type should be reported to the VAED.

An updated version of Section 8 of the VAED manual which includes this edit is available on our website:

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

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

### 120.5 Final Consolidation for VEMD 2006-07 Data

In a group email sent on 21 August 2007, VEMD Submission Officers were advised that the 2006-07 VEMD collection was closed. During that period there were 1.3 million records submitted, which is up from 1.25 million last year.

A spreadsheet was emailed with this which will give information on the number of submitted VEMD records per year. This was feedback directly from the data that we received and not an official DHS report.

HDSS would like to thank everyone involved in this collection and for such a great effort with your VEMD during the last financial year.

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

### 120.6 VINAH Manual 2006-07 Updates

Clarification has been added to the website in respect of Section 8: Editing - no changes from 2005-06.

### 120.7 VINAH Manual 2007-08 Updates

The following section 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

- Table 990012 Contact/Client Service Event Provider codes: 18 codes added for palliative care programs.
- Table HL70362 Organisation Identifier codes: 20 codes added for palliative care programs.

## 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.

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

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