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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

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This bulletin provides information regarding:

- Australian Government circular updates
- Call for Proposals for revisions to acute datasets (VAED, VEMD, ESIS, VINAH, AIMS)
- APET: Release of 2007-08 system
- VAED: PRS/2 Processing update
- VAED: Extension of deadlines for July and August data
- VAED: Reminder of final consolidation for 2006-07
- VINAH: Test portal release
- VINAH: Updates to manual and release of Section 8
- VINAH: Data submission 50,000 message limit
- AIMS: 2007-08 live release
- AIMS: Extension of July and August data deadline

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

121.1 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

**PHI 55/07 Amendment to Rules relating to discounting, broker's
commissions and promotional offers**

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

121.2 Call for proposals for changes to acute datasets

As part of the annual review of acute health data collections, the Health Data Standards and Systems (HDSS) unit is now accepting proposals for changes to data collections for the 2008-09 financial year.

Data collections in-scope are:

- Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED);
- Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD);
- Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS);
- Victorian Integrated Non-Admitted Health Minimum Dataset (VINAH); and,
- Agency Information Management System-Hosted collections (excluding financial reports) (AIMS).

Each year the VAED, VEMD, ESIS, VINAH and AIMS data collections are reviewed to ensure the collections support the Department's national reporting obligations and reflect changes in hospital funding and service provision arrangements for the coming financial year.

Final acceptance of all proposals will be based upon recommendations by the Data Management Advisory Committee (DMAC) and signoff by the Executive Directors of Rural and Regional Health and Aged Care Services and Metropolitan Health and Aged Care Services, based on the business case for the proposal.

Where there is a genuine need to alter reporting requirements, proposals for changes can be submitted on the HDSS Proposal proforma at:

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

Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

121.3 APET 2007-08

The APET system is now available for the entry of 2007-08 data. It can be accessed via:

<https://www.healthcollect.vic.gov.au>
and selecting *APET 2007-08*.

121.4 Final Consolidation for 2006-07

All facilities are reminded that the final consolidation date for 2006-07 data is 17 September 2007. All data **must** be received by 5pm to be included in the consolidated file.

Private facilities are reminded that it is a condition of registration that VAED data is provided.

121.5 PRS/2 processing update

PRS/2 commenced processing 2007-08 data on 29 August 2007 and is progressing well.

Issues identified to date are detailed below:

- Issues when a deletion record is in the same file as an episode with the same UR Number.
When a deletion record is submitted in the same file as an episode with the same UR Number, the deletion is not being recognised, so errors such as R062 or R379 may be triggered.
To overcome this problem, submit the episodes again in a separate file and they will be processed.
Status: A fix is expected for this problem within a few days.
- Edits involving Reciprocal Health Care Agreement Countries.
The edits are not correctly recognising RHCA countries.
Status: Fixed 5 September 2007
- Contract/Spoke IDs for dialysis satellite sites.
R410 may be triggered for the new dialysis satellite site Contract/Spoke IDs.
The IDs are valid but are not being handled correctly.
Status: Fixed 5 September 2007

Further updates will be delivered via bulletin.

121.6 Extension of July and August 2007 data deadline

The deadline for submission of July and August 2007 data has been extended and is now as follows:

July 2007 episodes and diagnosis records must be submitted by 30 September 2007.

- August 2007 episode records must be submitted by 30 September 2007.
- August 2007 diagnosis records must be submitted by 17 October 2007.
- September 2007 episode records must be submitted by 17 October 2007.

If you anticipate difficulties in submitting data in accordance with these dates, a request for exemption must be completed using the form available on our website.

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

121.7 VINAH Test Portal release

The VINAH Test Portal is now available for transmissions of 2007-08 test data at <http://www.healthcollect.vic.gov.au/>

Testers are asked to advise the HDSS Help desk prior to submitting test files for the first time in order to manage load on the test server and to allow DHS to monitor file quality and portal functionality.

Queries on portal availability, password or other issues may also be addressed to the HDSS Help desk.

121.8 VINAH Manual 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>

These updates contain several errata, some clarification and one optional functional enhancement (Local Identifier Assigning Authority).

Section 3: Data Definitions

- Referral Outcome: Optionality of this data element clarified in Business Data Element Timing Summary table.
- Episode Identifier: Added Referral Out and Contact/Client Service Event messages to Reported by and Reported when to show the foreign-key function of this data element in these messages.
- Identifier Type: Use of Identifier Type VN and A in PV1 messages clarified. Incorrect reference to assigning authority value in CX.4 for PV1 messages clarified (v3.0 stated should be null, but should actually be populated with appropriate value from table HL70362.)
- Local Identifier Assigning Authority: Support for vendor code prefixes added. Form changed to Structure Code; Field Size changed to 3 or 6; layout changed to [AAA]XXX; Reporting Guide amended; Value domain amended.

Section 5: Generation and Transmission

- Clarifying note on delete messages added to binding tables.
- Clarification of file naming convention to use if transmitting XML-encoded HL7.
- Clarification that organisations submitting data from multiple source systems must still maintain unique file names between systems.
- New section advising upper limit on file sizes of 50,000 messages.
- Clarification of PurgeAfterLoad processing mode.
- Clarifying note on EVN segment added (placeholder for EVN segment restored to sub-section on message segments.)
- New diagram showing link between Episodes and Referrals Out added to Conceptual Entity Integrity and Keys.
- DVA File Number, TAC Claim Number and VWA File Number, Given Name, Family Name removed from A04 binding table and A08 Binding table for Client Update Use Case. NB: Inclusion of these items in the A04 or A08 for client updates will not cause an error but they will be ignored.

- PV2 added to PPP messages.
- Date of Referral Receipt Acknowledgment and Date Referral Received added to binding tables for RRI_I13 and RRI_I14.
- Contact/Client Service Event Provider Sequence Number added to binding table for ADTA13.
- Maximum number of OBX and PTH segments was 10, now unlimited.
- The Referral Identifier data element was shown as being bound to RF1.11 on the RRI messages, it is now correctly shown as being bound to RF1.6.
- The Episode Identifier was omitted from the REF messages, it has been added and is correctly shown as bound to RF1.11.
- PV1.5 has been added to the PV1 message segment definition and appropriate messages and binding tables.

Section 9: Code sets

- Added new Local Identifier Assigning Authority codes (table HL70300)

121.9 VINAH Manual release of Section 8 for 2007-08

Section 8: Editing of the VINAH Manual for 2007-08 has been released to the website: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vinah/2007-08/index.htm>

Edits have been logically ordered and renumbered from previous VINAH versions. Section 8 now contains additional information about the order in which edits are applied, which may be useful to developers and data submitters.

121.10 VINAH data submission 50,000 message limit

Due to (a) limits in the size of Excel spreadsheet formats, which are used to return edit reports; and, (b) some users experiencing time-out issues with their browsers when loading large submission files to the HealthCollect portal, submission files should contain no more than 50,000 messages.

If the need arises to submit more than this amount (eg, if submitting historical data) then the messages should be spread across multiple files.

Agency Information Management System (AIMS)

121.11 Live Release 2007-08:

The AIMS website is now live and ready for data entry. AIMS data collections for 2007-08 have been released in electronic format on the HealthCollect website:

<https://www.healthcollect.vic.gov.au>

For any queries regarding technical issues, including password (case sensitivity) or access problems, please contact the HealthCollect Help Desk via email on: helpdesk@healthcollect.vic.gov.au or phone 9096 8595

Until the 2007-08 Reporting guidelines are released, please refer to the 2006-07 guidelines for submission of your data.

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

All other issues should be referred to the HDSS Help Desk.

121.12 Extension of July and August 2007 data deadline

The deadline for submission of July and August 2007 data has been extended and is now due by 30 September 2007.

If you anticipate difficulties in submitting data in accordance with these dates, please advise of any issues via the HDSS help desk:

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

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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