

# Bulletin

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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 circulars
- Hospital code tables
- PRS/2 processing
- APET 2007-08
- Submission of VINAH data
- Correction to the *Specification for Revisions to the VEMD for 2007-08*
- VEMD data item 'Ambulance Case Number'
- The VEMD Editor.

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

## 122.1 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/reffiles/index.htm>

### **CAMHS (Care Type 5K) Approval**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Campus code</b>	<b>Effective date</b>
Box Hill Hospital	1050	1 September 2007

## 122.2 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

**PHI 56/07      General Hospital Information**

**PHI 57/07      Discussion paper, Preliminary Conclusions of Review of  
Prostheses List Arrangements**

**PHI 58/07      Private Health Insurance Branch Structure**

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)

## 122.3 PRS/2 processing update

There are currently no known issues with PRS/2 processing for 2007-08.

The following two issues have been rectified:

- **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.  
**Status:** Fixed 6 September.
- **WIES Report format**  
The WIES report was printing on the 2006-07 form. While the values were correct, they were not printing on the right lines.  
**Status:** Fixed 12 September.

## 122.4 APET 2007-08

Some APET sites are reporting difficulties accessing 2007-08. Please ensure that any bookmarks are updated to the following website:

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

Once you have logged in *APET 2007-08* should be available.

For queries relating to APET please contact the HDSS helpdesk.

## 122.5 Final Consolidation for 2006-07

The 2006-07 year is now closed and no further additions or updates can be made. HDSS would like to thank everyone for their efforts during the year, and especially over the last few months.

In the last few days before consolidation one or more of the following issues were experienced by a number of sites:

- Modem problems preventing transmission of files.
- Disk errors requiring re-submission of disks by hand or courier.
- Empty transmission files requiring software supplier assistance to re-extract data.
- Software supplier assistance to rectify data errors so that transmission files could be created.
- Failure of the data extraction process.
- Unexpected unavailability of experienced staff to complete transmission processes.

Last minute problems put extra stress on both hospital and HDSS staff. It is strongly recommended that sites submit data regularly during the year and ensure that enough time is available to deal with unexpected technical difficulties.

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

### 122.6 Submission of VINAH 3 format data

Advice on how to utilise a facility now available to automate the manual process of submitting VINAH 3 files are now available on the VINAH Manual website in *Appendix D: HealthCollect Secure Data Exchange Web Service—Practice notes for VINAH data submissions*.

Software vendors who would like to use the HealthCollect Secure Data Exchange (SDE) Web Service should contact the HDSS Helpdesk to advise their intention to use this method of data exchange.

This web service is only available for submission of VINAH 3 format data. Data for VINAH v1 (05/06) and VINAH v2 (06/07) must continue to be transmitted manually. Use of the HealthCollect SDE Web Service is optional and does not affect the existing manual submission process.

# Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)

## 122.7 Specification for Revisions to the VEMD – Correction

Please note that the *Specification for Revisions to the VEMD for 1 July 2007* document as released in March 2007 contained an error on page 9 for data item *Preferred Language*. The document shows an incorrect field size and layout. The corrections to this are below:

**Field size** ~~Two~~ Four    **Layout**    NNNN

## 122.8 Modification to specification for data item 'Ambulance Case Number'

On 17 September 2007 VEMD Submission officers were notified by email of an immediate minor amendment to the specification for allocated Ambulance Case Number.

From 1 September 2007 valid MAS Ambulance Case Number ranges have changed. From this date, numbers in the range 8000-8499 will no longer be assigned and numbers from 6500-6999 may be assigned. VEMD will accept both ranges for reporting September 2007 data.

The amended specification for the data item 'Ambulance Case Number' has been placed on the HDSS website at <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vemd/2007-08/manual/index.htm>.

## 122.9 VEMD Editor Version 12 (0.9.3)

The MS Access VEMD Editor was updated to Version 12 (0.9.3) on 10 September 2007. This is now available for download from the HDSS website at <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vemd/index.htm>.

## 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.
- Information on upcoming events.

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