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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/124-231007.pdf> and can be viewed as a downloadable file.

This bulletin provides information regarding:

- Hospital Code Table update
- DHS and Australian Government Circular updates
- Medicare Eligibility of Newborns
- Reminder: Hospital Reimbursement Requests
- Secondment Opportunity: Outpatient Pilot Data Collection Project
- Employment Opportunity: HDSS positions
- VAED: New Hospital Insurance Fund
- VAED: Audit reports and extension of due date for response
- 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

124.1 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.

Campus closure (for VAED reporting purposes)

Name	Campus code	Effective date
Mt Eliza Centre	4080 / 4081	24 September 2007

In Bulletin 123 we advised that Mt Eliza Centre would change Campus Code from 4080 to 4081. It has now come to our attention that Mt Eliza Centre is no longer admitting patients so will cease to be a campus for VAED reporting. Campus Codes 4082 (Rosebud Rehabilitation Unit), 4083 (Golf Links Road Rehabilitation and PCU) and 4084 (The Mornington Centre) are still applicable for VAED reporting. For other services transferring patients to/from these campuses, please report the appropriate code.

124.2 DHS circular update

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

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

Hospital Circular 20/2007

Subject:

1. Highly Specialised Drugs Program

124.3 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

PHI 60/07	<i>Not issued</i>
PHI 61/07	The Health Legislation Amendment Act 2007 makes the following changes to the Private Health Insurance Act 2007
PHI 62/07	A new ASCII text file of the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS)
PHI 63/07	Tabling a report on Prostheses Listing Arrangement
PHI 64/07	Private Health Insurance (Registration) Rules 2007 No. 2

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

124.4 Medicare Eligibility of newborns

There has been an amendment to the NHDD regarding the Medicare eligibility of newborns. Please note the following information taken from the NHDD data element 'Medicare Eligibility Status'.

A newborn will **usually** take the Medicare eligibility status of the mother. However, the eligibility status of the father will be applied to the newborn if the baby is not eligible solely by virtue of the eligibility status of the mother.

For example, if the mother of a newborn is an ineligible person but the father is eligible for Medicare, then the newborn will be eligible for Medicare.

Manuals for HDSS data collections will be updated with this information.

124.5 Reminder: Hospital Reimbursement Requests

A reminder that requests for reimbursement for statutory reporting changes for 2007-08 are due by COB 2 November 2007.

Requests must be submitted in accordance with the instructions on the following form:
http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/forum/software_reimbursement_2007-08.doc

124.6 Secondment opportunity - Outpatient Pilot Data Collection Project

The Metropolitan Health and Aged Care Services Division is seeking to second a suitably experienced person from the hospital sector to a Senior Project Officer role for a period of approximately nine months.

The Project Officer will take a lead in rolling out and implementing a Pilot patient-level data collection (minimum dataset) in a sample of public hospital outpatient departments. The person will work with staff in DHS, Outpatient Departments and Software Vendors to implement and evaluate the pilot.

The project officer will:

- Take a lead role in implementing a pilot patient-level outpatient care minimum data set (MDS) project;
- Undertake research and consultation to refine selected data definitions associated with outpatient services;
- Evaluate whether patient-level data can be reliably collected and transmitted from a sample of Victorian outpatient departments;
- Identify data quality, IT capability issues and cost implications;
- Produce a report documenting and evaluating the pilot project and its findings.

Expressions of interest are due by 2 November 2007 (note that this is a later date and overrides the date in the link below).

For more information, see this link:

http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/bulletin/hdss_senior_proj_officer.pdf

124.7 Employment opportunity - HDSS positions

HDSS is currently advertising two fixed-term positions. For more information, please follow the links to the Victorian Government Careers web site.

Senior Health Information Advisor

http://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobtools/jncustomsearch.viewFullSingle?in_organid=14123&in_jnCounter=221292897

Senior Data Quality Analyst

http://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobtools/jncustomsearch.viewFullSingle?in_organid=14123&in_jnCounter=221292873

The closing date for these positions is: 1 November 2007

Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

124.8 New Hospital Insurance Fund

A new health insurance fund has been registered in Australia and has been added to the VAED. National Health Benefits, Ptd Ltd, trading as Onemedifund, should be reported as using code OMF.

The new fund has been added to the list of funds in Section 3 of the VAED Manual which has been updated on our website.

124.9 VAED Audit - 2005-06 Individual Hospital Reports

All hospitals that were selected to participate in the 2005-06 audit should now have received passwords to access their individual hospital reports, which are accessible at the HDSS website (<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vaed/2005-06/audit/index.htm>).

If your hospital was selected for the audit and you have not received a password for your report, please contact the HDSS Help Desk.

Please note that the password will only be provided to the CEO or Chief HIM of the Hospital or Health Service.

Hospitals should also note that passwords are case-sensitive, and that the current version (ie 10.0) of WinZip software is required to access reports.

As a number of hospitals have had difficulties accessing their reports in a timely fashion, the due date for responses to the issues raised in the letter and audit report(s) has been **extended to 7 November 2007**.

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

124.10 VINAH Manual Updates

Appendix D: HealthCollect Secure Data Exchange Web Service—Practice notes for VINAH data submission

Inclusion of value to select for Content Type field.

Section 5: Generation and Transmission

A correction to page 33 BTS.1 (BatchMessageCount).

The manual states the following:

"The batch message count should be equal to the total number of batches (or BHS Segments) in the file."

This should read:

"The batch message count should be equal to the total number of messages (or MSH Segments) in the file."

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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