

# Bulletin

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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:

- *Specification for Revisions to PRS/2 and the Victorian Admitted Episodes Datasets for 1 July 2008*
- *Specification for Revisions to the Elective Surgery Information System for 1 July 2008.*
- *Specification for Revisions to the Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset for 1 July 2008*
- *Specification for Revisions to the Victorian Integrated Non Admitted Health Minimum Dataset for 1 July 2008.*

The above specification documents are available on the respective sections of the HDSS website at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss>

This bulletin also provides information regarding:

- Hospital Code table updates
- Supplementary Code Lists Update
- DHS and Private Hospital Circulars
- VAED: New and amended edits
- VAED: PRS/2 testing notifications
- VAED: WEIS reports, Renal WIES
- VAED: Acute Certification following legislative changes
- ESIS: Processing delays for Christmas-New Year period
- VEMD: Processing delays for Christmas-New Year period
- VINAH: Code Set updates 2007-08

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

### 126.1 Release of *Specifications for revisions* documents

This Bulletin provides details of the release of the *Specifications for revisions* documents for the acute health data collections VAED, ESIS, VEMD and VINAH.

These documents contain the following information relating to the above datasets.

- Amended, deleted and new concept definitions, data items and business rules.
- Reference files to be updated for 1 July 2008.
- Amended and deleted Supplementary Code Lists.
- Amended file structures.

Victorian hospitals are now required to arrange for their software to be modified in accordance with the revised specifications.

### 126.2 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>

#### Hospital Name Change

Old Name	New Name	Campus code
Grace McKellar Centre	McKellar Centre	3040
Ivanhoe Private Rehabilitation	North Eastern Rehabilitation Centre	7070

The excel file contains multiple worksheets that categorise public, private and non-Victorian hospitals, both in alphabetical and numerical order.

## 126.3 DHS circular update

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

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

### **Hospital Circular 23/2007**

Subject:

1. Highly Specialised Drugs Program

### **Hospital Circular 24/2007**

Subject:

1. Pharmaceutical outpatient charges, PBS co-payments and Safety Net thresholds.

### **Hospital Circular 25/2007**

Subject:

1. Highly Specialised Drugs Program

## 126.4 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

<b>PHI 02/08</b>	<b>Review of the National Hospital Cost Data Collection (NHCDC)</b>
<b>PHI 01/08</b>	<b>December 2007 Prostheses List</b>
<b>PHI 82/07</b>	<b>Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Amending Rules 2007 (No.5)</b>
<b>PHI 81/07</b>	<b>July 2008 Prostheses List Cycle</b>
<b>PHI 80/07</b>	<b>Declaration of Private Hospitals under the Private Health Insurance Act 2007</b>
<b>PHI 79/07</b>	<b>Amendments to the December 2007 Prostheses List</b>
<b>PHI 78/07</b>	<b>2007 Private Health Insurance Complaints Levy</b>
<b>PHI 77/07</b>	<b>Amendments to the December 2007 Prostheses List</b>
<b>PHI 75/07</b>	<b>December 2007 Prostheses List</b>
<b>PHI 74/07</b>	<b>Hospital Casemix Protocol Data Collection 2008-09</b>
<b>PHI 73/07</b>	<b>Registration of Private Health Insurance Rules</b>

Private Health Insurance circulars can be found at:

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

Please note that some of the recent circulars have not yet been placed on this website. If you require a copy of the circular in the interim, please email the HDSS help desk and we can forward the circular to you.

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)

### 126.5 Release of the *Specification for revisions to PRS/2 and the Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset for 1 July 2008*

The above Specification has been released and is now available on the HDSS website at:  
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vaed/index.htm>

### 126.6 Supplementary Code Lists Updates

An updated version of the Supplementary Code Lists file, including the details below, has been posted onto the HDSS Website:  
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/reffiles/index.htm>

#### Program Approval

The following hospital has been granted approval for a Short Stay Observation Unit (SOU).

Name	Campus code	Effective date
Mercy Werribee Hospital	1320	October 2007

The following hospital has been granted approval for a Geriatric Evaluation & Management Program (Care Type 9).

Name	Campus code	Effective date
Bendigo Hospital	1021	1 January 2008

The following hospital has been granted approval for Palliative Care (Care Type 8).

Name	Campus code	Effective date
Wantirna Health	2330	February 2008

The following hospital has been granted approval for a Medical Assessment and Planning Unit (MAPU).

Name	Campus code	Effective date
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Name	Campus code	Effective date
Bendigo Hospital	1021	February 2008

## 126.7 New and Amended Edits

### 401 Accommodation Type on Separation – Emergency, Not Same Day

This edit has been amended to trigger after the patient has been in hospital for more than 24 hours, rather than over midnight. This is to reduce the number of edits for hospitals with high numbers of admissions in emergency.

#### 401 Accom Type On Sep - Emerg, Not Same Day

**Effect** Warning

**Problem** The E4 Episode Record's Accommodation Type on Separation is *Emergency department* and the ~~episode is not 'same day'~~ patient has been admitted for more than 24 hours.

**Remedy** Check Accommodation Type on Separation, Admission Date and Separation Date, amend as appropriate, and re-transmit the E4.

### 601 Sequencing Error

This edit has been amended to allow for two or more Activity Codes or Place of Occurrence codes to be sequenced, according to the Australian Coding Standards.

#### 601 Sequencing Error

**Effect** REJECTION

**Problem** The X4/Y4 Diagnosis Record has an Activity Code (U50-U73) that is not immediately preceded by a Place of Occurrence code or another Activity code, or a Place of Occurrence code (Y92) that is not immediately preceded by an External Cause Code (V00-Y89) or another Place of Occurrence code.

[On Library File: column N, ADD, code A must be immediately preceded by code P, and code P which must be immediately preceded by code 6 or 8]

**Remedy** Check Diagnosis Codes, amend as appropriate and re-transmit the X4/Y4.

- Refer to the *Victorian Additions to the Australian Coding Standards*.

## **638 Private Hospital, Public Account Class without Contract**

For Private hospitals to report patients using a Public Account Class there must be a contract between the hospital and a Public hospital or the Department of Human Services. This edit will check that a Funding Arrangement has been reported where the Account Class is M\*.

## **638 Private Hosp, Public Account without Contract**

**Effect** REJECTION

**Problem** The hospital is private, the episode has a public Account Class (i.e. M\*) but the Funding Arrangement is null indicating that there is no contract between the hospital and a public hospital or the Department of Human Services.

**Remedy** Check the Account Class, Funding Arrangement, Contract Role, Contract Type and Contract Spoke Identifier.

## **126.8 PRS/2 Testing Notifications**

Hospitals are reminded that PRS/2 Testing Notifications are required to be completed and returned whenever there is a significant change of software system. A Word version of the Testing Notification Form is available on our website, and the preferred method of transmission is via email to [HDSS.Helpdesk@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:HDSS.Helpdesk@dhs.vic.gov.au).

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

## **126.9 WIES Reports – Renal WIES**

Following feedback from hospitals, the Renal WIES items on the WIES Reports have been reinstated on page 2.

## **126.10 Acute Care Certification following legislative changes**

In PHI Circular 73/07 the Commonwealth advised on legislative changes with respect to nursing-home type accommodation in hospitals.

The explanatory statement to the legislative changes advises:

The *Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Amendment Rules 2007 (No.4) (the Amending Rules)* amend the Rules by making amendments to Rule 3 and Schedule 4 with respect to nursing-home type patient accommodation in hospitals in all States/Territories.

The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the definition of nursing-home type patient is substantially the same as applied prior to 1 April 2007, except for the removal of the requirement for statutory certification and the Acute Care Advisory Committee from the process. The removal of the requirement for statutory certification and the Acute Care Advisory Committee took place on 1 April 2007.

The definition of nursing-home type patient appearing in the Rules contains more detail, leaving less ambiguity for private health insurers, hospitals and patients regarding the correct

interpretation of the definition of a nursing-home type patient, particularly regarding when a person becomes, and when a person ceases to be, a nursing-home type patient.

Although the 'statutory' requirement has been removed, **public** hospitals are required to continue providing an equivalent certification for **all patients** (that is public, private and compensable).

## 126.11 VAED Audit – Final Report for Hospitals for 2005-06

Individual site reports for public hospitals at which VAED data audits were conducted for 2005-06 data have been posted to the HDSS website, with access details, and statements of issues identified, forwarded to each relevant site. Many sites have provided a response, indicating actions being taken to address the recommendations and issues identified in their report(s). Those sites for which this response has not yet been provided to DHS are asked to do so in the near future, as responses are considered in site selections for the subsequent audit round.

The 'Final Report for Hospitals on the DHS (Random) Sample 2005/2006' has been posted to the HDSS website. It is in .pdf format, accessible with v5 or later of Acrobat reader. The report is password protected: the case-sensitive password is being forwarded to all public hospital CEOs and CHIMs via letter in early January 2008.

Public hospital CEOs, HIMs, coders, and other executive and administrative staff are encouraged to review the report, note the findings and recommendations, and consider the implications for their site, whether or not that site participated in the audit of 2005-06 VAED data.

## 126.12 VAED Audit – 2007-08

The next round of the VAED Audit project will review data for the 2007-08 financial year. Advice of this is being sent to public hospital CEOs and CHIMs via letter in early January 2008. There are no plans to hold information sessions this year, as were conducted prior to the commencement of the 2005-06 audit.

Details of this next round of audits are attached to that letter: in summary, 13,000 episodes, drawn from separations throughout the 2007-08 financial year, will be audited across 60 sites. Samples will again be drawn for 'partner agencies' – the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Transport Accident Commission, and WorkSafe Victoria, as well as for DHS: there will again be randomly-selected sites for the DHS 'Annual' samples, where approximately one per cent of the annual separations will be reviewed; some sites have been selected for 'Follow-Up' samples based on the results of the audit of their 2005-06 data, which will involve larger sample sizes designed to achieve more statistically significant results; and some sites are being selected for 'Target' audit of particular topics, such as short stay episodes or a coding issue(s).

Hospitals selected for audit will be contacted by the contractor for this project, Healthcare Management Advisors Pty Ltd (HMA) shortly before the intended commencement date for their auditor's visit. To facilitate this contact, hospitals are asked to provide phone and email details for their preferred contact person(s) to Jennie Shepheard, via email at [jennie.shepheard@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:jennie.shepheard@dhs.vic.gov.au). Any limitations on the availability of key personnel during 2008 should also be advised, to help with scheduling audits. Your assistance in providing these details in the near future would be appreciated.

Queries regarding VAED Audits should be directed to Jennie Shepheard, as above, or on 9096 0484, on Tuesdays and Thursdays only.

## **Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)**

### **126.13 Release of the *Specification for revisions to the Elective Surgery Information System for 1 July 2008***

The above Specification has been released and is now available on the HDSS website at <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/esis/index.htm>

### **126.14 ESIS Processing delays for Christmas-New Year period**

A number of delays in processing ESIS data were experienced between the Christmas-New Year period. HDSS apologises for any inconvenience caused and advises that no penalties will be assessed due to late submission of ESIS data caused by these delays.

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

### 126.15 Release of the *Specification for revisions to the Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset for 1 July 2008*

The above Specification has been released and is now available on the HDSS website at [http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vemd/index.htm\\_](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vemd/index.htm_)

### 126.16 VEMD Processing delays for Christmas-New Year period

A number of delays in processing VEMD data were experienced between the Christmas-New Year period. HDSS apologises for any inconvenience caused and advises no penalties will be assessed due to late submission of VEMD data caused by these delays.

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

### 126.17 Release of the *Specification for revisions to the Victorian Integrated Non Admitted Health Minimum Dataset for 1 July 2008*

The above Specification has been released and is now available on the HDSS website at <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vinah/index.htm>

Accompanying this release is Section 9 of the VINAH Manual for 2008-09.

**Vendors and Submitting Organisations must take care not to confuse the 2008-09 Code Sets with the 2007-08 Code Sets.**

### 126.18 Code Set updates 2007-08

The following section of the VINAH Manual 2007-08 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 code: 2330 - Wantirna Health
- Table HL70300 Local Identifier Assigning Authority codes: 233 - Wantirna Health.

**Vendors and Submitting Organisations must take care not to confuse the 2008-09 Code Sets with the 2007-08 Code Sets.**

## 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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