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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:

- VAED
  - Release of ICD-10-AM/ACHI Sixth edition library file
- VEMD
  - Reminder of data submission timelines
- ESIS
  - Zip file and extract naming
- VINAH
  - Updates to VINAH Manual Section 9 Code Sets 2007-08
  - Further information about Local Identifier Assigning Authority

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

### 130.1 DHS circular update

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

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

#### **Hospital Circular 14/2008**

Subject: Rural public health care agencies alliances policy – minor updates

#### **Hospital Circular 13/2008**

Subject: To update the accounting treatment for Long Service Leave and associated funding

### 130.2 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>PHI 18/08</b> | <b>New Private Hospitals, Private Hospital Name Changes and Closure of Private Hospitals</b>   |
| <b>PHI 17/08</b> | <b>Casemix Conference 2008</b>   |
| <b>PHI 16/08</b> | <b>Release of Final Draft: Private Health Insurance (Accreditation) Rules Status - Round 11 (2006-07) National Hospital Cost Data Collection</b> |
| <b>PHI 15/08</b> | <b>Registration of the PHI (Complying Product) Amendment Rules 2008 No.1</b>   |
| <b>PHI 14/08</b> | <b>Registration of the PHI (Complying Product) Amendment Rules 2008 No.1</b>   |
| <b>PHI 13/08</b> | <b>Communiqué on Palliative Care Roundtable</b>  |

Private Health Insurance circulars can be found at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-phicirculars2008-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)

## 130.3 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(s) have been granted approval for Rural Patient Initiative (Funding Arrangement 5) services.

| Name                              | Campus code | Effective date |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| South West Healthcare Warrnambool | 2160        | 1 July 2007    |

## 130.4 Release of the ICD-10-AM/ACHI Sixth edition library file

The ICD-10-AM/ACHI Sixth edition library file for 2008-09 was released on 16 May 2008. The file contains all ICD-10-AM/ACHI Sixth edition diagnosis, morphology and procedure codes, together with appropriate edits, mappings and code descriptions.

The Excel files and documentation are available for downloading at:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/reffiles/2008-09/vaed/libfil08.htm>

Software suppliers and hospitals are advised to download the new version of the ICD-10-AM/ACHI library file. Any updates to the file during 2008-09 will be published in the HDSS Bulletin.

The Excel file has been zipped and password protected using the same password as last year. If you do not have, or have forgotten the password, please contact the HDSS help desk.

Our licence agreement only permits DHS to release our ICD-10-AM/ACHI Library File within Victoria to hospitals, software vendors and approved third-party organisations working with DHS. The Victorian library file is a modification of the National ICD-10-AM/ACHI ASCII files, which are produced by the National Centre for Classification in Health (NCCH). If you are not authorised to receive the Victorian library file you may contact the NCCH on (02) 9351 9461 or email at [ncchadmin@fhs.usyd.edu.au](mailto:ncchadmin@fhs.usyd.edu.au).

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

### 130.5 Zip file and text extract naming

Sites are reminded that the incrementing extract number used in the text extract names and zip file names must cycle back to '001' for the first submission with an extract end date after 30 June 2008.

# Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)

## 130.6 Reminder—VEMD data submission timelines

Hospitals are reminded of the requirements for VEMD data submission. Please ensure that VEMD data are provided to HDSS accordingly.

The following information is taken from the 'Conditions of funding' in the *Victoria public hospital and mental health services— Policy and funding guidelines 2007-08*.

### 6.7 Transmission of emergency department data

Hospitals receiving the non-admitted emergency services grant or otherwise designated by the department will transmit data to the Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD) according to the following timelines:

**First 14 days of the month** At least one submission must be received by the 21st of the reporting month (for example, 1-14 July data by 21 July).

**Full month** Remainder of the month must be supplied by the 10th of the following month. Must be complete, i.e. zero rejection and notifiable edits, by the 21st of the following month (for example, July data by 21 August).

Any corrections must be transmitted before consolidation of the VEMD database on 21 August 2008.

Where hospitals are non compliant with these timelines, the department will apply a penalty no greater than:

- a) \$2,000 if a file containing data from the first 14 days of the month and/or the full month is not submitted by the timeline specified above
- b) \$1,000 for each record from the full month that is not completed by the timeline specified above
- c) \$2,000 for each record from the full month that is not completed within one month of the timeline specified in above or database consolidation, whichever comes first.

If difficulties are anticipated in meeting the monthly timelines, the hospital must write to the Manager, Health Data Standards and Systems indicating the nature of the difficulties, remedial action being taken, and the expected transmission schedule.

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

## 130.7 Updates to VINAH Manual Section 9 Code Sets 2007-08

New codes primarily for the PAC program have been added to the following code sets. The codes will also apply for 2008-09.

- Table HL70362: Organisation Identifier codes
- Table 990012: Contact/Client Service Event Provider codes
- Table HL70300: Local Identifier Assigning Authority codes

### Table HL70362: Organisation Identifier codes

| Value | Descriptor                              |
|-------|---|
| ISCHS | Inner South Community Health Service    |
| KDHS  | Kyabram and District Health Services    |
| LW    | Lyndoch Warrnambool                     |
| NRCHC | North Richmond Community Health Service |
| RVEEH | Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital    |
| RWH   | Royal Women's Hospital                  |
| SRH   | Stawell Regional Health                 |

### Table 990012: Contact/Client Service Event Provider codes

| Value  | Descriptor                                      |
|--------|---|
| 03609A | Beaufort and Skipton Health Service             |
| 4050   | Benalla and District Memorial Hospital          |
| 2210   | Dunmunkle Health Service                        |
| 1101   | East Grampians Health Service [Ararat]          |
| 10433A | East Wimmera Health Service                     |
| 3240   | Edenhope and District Hospital                  |
| 4162   | Hepburn Health Service [Creswick]               |
| 4161   | Hepburn Health Service [Daylesford]             |
| 10564B | Inner Melbourne PAC (IMPAC)                     |
| 1260   | Kyabram and District Health Services            |
| 06459A | Mallacoota District Health and Support Services |
| 2040   | Omeo District Health                            |
| 5050   | Orbost Regional Health                          |
| 1240   | Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital            |
| 1230   | Royal Women's Hospital                          |
| 11011A | Rural Northwest Health                          |
| 11504  | St John of God Nepean Rehabilitation Hospital   |

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Descriptor</b>           |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 2260         | Stawell Regional Health     |
| 12354A       | Very Special Kids - Malvern |
| 03592A       | West Wimmera Health Service |

**Table HL70300: Local Identifier Assigning Authority codes**

| <b>Value</b> | <b>Descriptor</b>           |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 367          | Craigieburn Health Service  |
| 562          | Grampians PAC Program       |
| 561          | Inner Melbourne PAC (IMPAC) |
| 560          | Lyndoch Warrnambool         |

## 130.8 Further information about Local Identifier Assigning Authority

The codes that identify organisations and structures within VINAH have different purposes, however some confusion over the use and purpose of Local Identifier Assigning Authority is apparent.

The VINAH data collection is used to receive data from a variety of different programs delivered by health services and other agencies. While it is the ideal, as a practical matter, services and agencies may not be able to assign common identifiers to a patient or other entity within the scope of VINAH data. This may be because different programs use different software to record activity or patient information (e.g. Different systems for HARP and SACS), or because software cannot communicate between sites or installations.

The main reason for the Local Identifier Assigning Authority data element in the data collection is to allow differentiation of Person Identifiers where common identifiers are not used. For example, it is entirely possible in an organisation with different systems to assign patient ID 123456 to both a SACS and a HARP patient who are different people. Not only would this have a potential impact on data analysis, it could cause all sorts of problems for services trying to deal with errors.

Consider the following data elements:

- Person Identifier
- Identifier Type
- Local Identifier Assigning Authority

The italics below come from the VINAH manual definitions, with some additional clarification.

### **Person Identifier**

*An identifier unique to a person.* This is usually generated by the software system used to track activity within a given service program, however it may be generated by a third-party application such as a Patient Administration System or Filing System.

## Identifier Type

*A code corresponding to the type of identifier. When used as a Person or Prior Person Identifier Type it is additionally, a code based on the geographical or administrative breadth of applicability of the Person Identifier or Prior Person Identifier, as appropriate.*

Identifier type is used to specify those instances where Person Identifier is not common across a health service or agency. Code "A" should be reported when Person Identifier is unique across all in-scope services within a submitting organisation and code "L" reported when Person Identifier is not unique across all in-scope services within an organisation.

This explanation is somewhat more complicated as Identifier Type has other uses within the VINAH transmission; it has a different value when paired with a DVA code, for example, but for the purpose of this article the above explanation will suffice. (See the VINAH Manual for more detailed information on use of this data element.)

## Local Identifier Assigning Authority

*The assigning authority is a unique code identifying the system (or organisation or agency or department) that created the local identifier.*

Local Identifier Assigning Authority is used to describe the organisation or software system that created Person Identifier.

If Person Identifier is "A", meaning one Person Identifier across the whole health service or agency for all VINAH reporting, Local Identifier Assigning Authority takes its value *in the transmission file* from the Organisation Identifier code set (table HL70362) and a separate Local Identifier Assigning Authority code is not needed.

If Person Identifier is "L", meaning different campuses or systems assign different Person Identifier codes, the Local Identifier Assigning Authority code set from table HL70300 is used to specify the scope of the code. These codes may be assigned on a specific geographic or organisational basis, e.g.: 367 for Craigieburn Health Service, 562 for Grampians PAC Program. Alternately, if the code assignment is software system specific a generic software provider code may be assigned:

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| ECP | eClinic PalCare                                 |
| HMS | Health Management Systems                       |
| IBA | IBA Health                                      |
| IPM | iSoft iPatient Manager                          |
| PJB | PJB Data Manager                                |
| TCM | Database Consultants Australia The Care Manager |
| TKC | TrakHealth TrakCare                             |
| XXX | Test System                                     |

These codes may also be concatenated (software provider code first) e.g.: XXX367 for a test system at Craigieburn Health Service.

If there is no appropriate local organisation code or system code available to use, please contact the HDSS Help Desk to discuss an appropriate code allocation. As a general rule, HDSS will not allocate additional codes if a generic software system code is suitable. As an interim measure, code XXX may be used.

## 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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