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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:

- DHS & Australian Government Circular updates
- Funding contribution for 2008-09 software changes
- VAED
 - PRS/2 processing: now accepting 2008-09 data
 - Indigenous Status for 2008-09 data
 - Reminder – Final consolidation 17 September 2008
 - Exemption from 17 August deadline
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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

134.1 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>

Hospital Name Change

Name	New Name	Campus code
Eye Clinic Footscray	Vision Day Surgery Footscray	8810
North West Endoscopy Services	North West Day Hospital	8850

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

134.2 DHS circular update

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

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

Hospital Circular 21/2008

Subject: Highly Specialised Drugs Program

134.3 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

PHI 39/08 Executive Changes to the Private Health Insurance Branch, Complying Health Insurance Changes and the Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Amendment Rules 2008 (No.2)

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

134.4 Funding contribution for 2008-09 software changes to support statutory reporting

Health Services are advised that there will be no additional funding contribution for public hospitals for changes to software made to support statutory reporting for 2008-09. Health Information staff are asked to assist in ensuring that the relevant finance areas in their Health Service are advised of this information.

Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

134.5 PRS/2 Processing: Now accepting 2008-09 data files

The 2008-09 changes have been installed and PRS/2 processing resumed on 31 July 2008. Data files for 2008-09 can now be accepted.

Hospitals and suppliers are reminded that a facility is available to test 2008-09 files, and we encourage suppliers to make use of this facility.

There was a problem with the printing of the 2007-08 WIES report post-implementation which was rectified on 7 August. Lines 3.20 and 3.21 were not printing and all other figures were raised two lines. The amounts were correct, only the alignment was affected.

134.6 Indigenous Status for 2008-09 data

Please ensure that all staff entering patient information are selecting the appropriate code value for Indigenous Status. Some transmission files processed initially have high numbers of code 2 *Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin* because staff are habitually entering '2' which was *Not Indigenous* in 2007-08.

134.7 Reminder – Final consolidation 17 September 2008-07-31

The final date data can be accepted for the 2007-08 financial year is 17 September 2008. All data must be received before 5pm on this date. Please ensure that files are sent as early as possible so that time is available to resolve any transmission or faulty disk issues that may arise.

134.8 Exemption from deadlines for July 2008

All hospitals are exempted from the 17 August deadline for July 2008 data. Requests for exemption on an individual basis are not required. Subsequent deadlines will be reviewed at a later date.

134.9 APET for 2008-09

APET is not yet available for 2008-09 data entry. Advice will be provided via bulletin once it has been loaded to the HealthCollect website.

134.10 Hospital in the Home reporting requirements

HITH is a replacement for hospital-based admitted care. In order to report HITH days to the VAED, the medical record must contain documentation that shows the patient would otherwise be required to remain admitted to a bed in the hospital if HITH was not available to the patient. When patients are directly admitted to HITH without having been admitted to hospital-based accommodation, the patient must meet criteria for admission before being reported to the VAED.

In order for HITH to be reported, the patient must have been visited by HITH staff in their place of residence. Therefore telephone calls to patients must not be reported as a HITH visit. For example, a patient separated from hospital on 1 July and telephoned on 2 July must be separated from the VAED on 1 July.

For the purpose of routine care of mother and baby following birth, the Variable Maternity Services Grant (VMSG) is available for domiciliary visiting. If a mother and baby are discharged early and the care to the mother is considered a substitute for admitted hospital care, then the mother may be reported in HITH but the baby will be covered by domiciliary care. Routine care of mother and baby includes genetic screening of newborns. Babies must not be reported in HITH where VMSG funding applies.

Babies who were Unqualified in the hospital cannot be changed to Qualified in order to report HITH days. Only babies who were Qualified in hospital, i.e. were admitted to an SCN/NICU or were admitted without their mother, and require ongoing care at home, can be reported as in HITH.

Where a patient would otherwise attend an outpatient clinic or other non-admitted setting (e.g. post-acute care, District Nursing) HITH should not be reported.

If HITH services are not provided every day, days between services must be reported to the VAED as Leave Days. It is not expected that there would be significant numbers of leave days.

HITH services should also ensure patient consent to be treated in HITH is documented within the medical record.

Coding

134.11 Coding of Mechanical Ventilation

Coders should be aware of 6th edition changes in ACS 1006 Ventilatory Support

The following points are particularly pertinent:

1. CVS initiated for surgery should only be coded when it continues for >24 **post surgery** (including subsequent surgical episodes while still intubated).
2. Multiple surgical episodes **with extubation** in between each need to qualify for coding before the hours can be counted. That is they each need to have >24 hours of CVS **post surgery**.
3. The rules for the counting of hours for reporting to VAED have not changed.

An article will be produced by the Victorian ICD Coding Committee to further clarify these points and will be made available on the HDSS website.

Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)

134.12 VEMD Library file with punctuation

A new version of the VEMD Library file has been placed on the HDSS website. There are no content changes to this library file; rather there is an additional worksheet that has the punctuation left in the diagnosis codes. This has been included at the request of a hospital.

134.13 NoMI/Body Region editing matrices errata

The following amendment has been made to the Nature of main injury/Body region and ICD-10-AM matrix editing table. The updated editing matrix can be downloaded from <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/reffiles/index.htm>.

<i>NoMI</i>	<i>B Reg</i>	<i>PDX</i>
22	22	T8141 T8141 †

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

134.14 Secondment Opportunity – Senior Project Officer, VINAH Data Collection

HDSS is seeking to second a suitably experienced person from the hospital sector to a Senior Project Officer role for a period of approximately twelve months.

The Project Officer will take the lead in managing the Victorian Integrated Non-Admitted Health (VINAH) Minimum Data Set. The person will oversee the continued implementation of the collection for Sub-acute Ambulatory Care Services (SACS), Hospital Admission Risk Program – Chronic Disease Management (HARP-CDM), Post Acute Care (PAC) and Community-based Palliative care services. The person will work with members of these sectors, third-party software vendors and DHS internal program staff to ensure data is captured, validated and distributed and specified appropriately.

The project officer will:

- Take a lead role in monitoring the progress of and compliance with data collection requirements for Health Services;
- Develop routine processes for efficient operation of the data collection and assist in evaluation of new data collection management software;
- Lead the review of data collection change requirements for the collection for 2009-10;
- Co-ordinate reporting requirements specifications from the collection and progress their inclusion into DHS' data warehouse;
- Work with other staff to develop a program of data quality evaluation;
- Work with the Outpatient Pilot Program team as required.

For more information see the job description on the HDSS web site at <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vinah/index.htm>

Applications are due by 25 August 2008.

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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