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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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Global Update

135.1 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

- PHI 41/08** **Addition to PHI Circular 36/08, Private Hospital name change in NSW and the health insurers annual listings of second tier default benefits are due.**
- PHI 40/08** **APHA National Congress and a Public Hospital address change**

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

135.2 Schedule for revisions to data collections for 2009-10

Each year the HDSS Unit reviews the data elements and format of the major acute health data collections. This review seeks to ensure that the collections continue to support the Department's state and national reporting obligations, assists planning and policy development for the key data users and stakeholders, and incorporates appropriate feedback from data providers on improvements.

The schedule of activity for data collection changes for 2009-10 for VAED, VEMD, ESIS, VINAH and AIMS is as follows:

Key Date	Description						
01 September 2008	Call for proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for proposals to internal and external stakeholders. • Reminder will be issued one week prior to closing date. 						
COB 03 October 2008	Deadline for proposals for changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HDSS prepares proposals documents during this time period. NB1: SIMC (or successor committee) meeting expected in this period, any late NMDS changes will need to be approved here; proposals document will proceed on assumption these changes will be ratified by NEHIPC. NB2: AIHW data specs expected in October 2008, to be incorporated also.						
21 October 2008	Release proposals document for consultation Formal Consultation Fora: <table border="1" data-bbox="443 1944 1465 2042"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>Date</i></th> <th><i>Collection</i></th> <th><i>Forum</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Out of Session/ TBA</td> <td>VAED</td> <td>VACCDI</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Collection</i>	<i>Forum</i>	Out of Session/ TBA	VAED	VACCDI
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Key Date	Description		
	21 October 2008	VAED	VICC
	28 October 2008	VEMD	VEMD TRG
	TBA (between 21 October 2008 - 05 November 20 08)	ESIS VINAH	ESIS TRG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SACS Managers forum OOS • HARP Managers forum OOS • PAC Managers forum OOS • Palliative Care Managers OOS • Outpatients Data and Performance Measurement Sub committee OOS
	TBA	AIMS- hosted collections .	As per programme area advice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation documents also released to all data providers, software vendors and key stakeholders. • OOS = Out of Session
COB 05 November 2008	Deadline for feedback on proposed changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HDSS prepares specification documents during this time period. 		
24 November 2008	Publish draft specifications for changes NB1: HDSS will meet with OHIS design group for any specific comment/discussion (between 01-05 December 2008.)		
COB 05 December 2008	Deadline for comment on draft specifications		
11 December 2008	Complete draft final specifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a HDSS deadline allowing for a QA period prior to release. 		
15 December 2008	Release draft final specifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate to DMAC for Out-of-session consideration and Executive Directors for endorsement. • Publish as draft-final. 		
Expected by 31 December 2008	Status of draft-final specifications changed to final <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pending Executive Directors' endorsement. 		
NLT 31 March 2009	Release data collection manuals		
01 July 2009	Changes take effect		

Clinical Coding

135.3 Victorian ICD Coding Committee (VICC) Queries Database updated

The VICC queries database June 2008 release is now available on the HDSS website at:

<http://www.serviceforip.webcentral.com.au/viccdb/>

The database has been updated with the following resolved queries:

- 2256 Spondylogenic compression of spinal cord
- 2285 Excision of concha bullosa
- 2295 Spontaneous abortion
- 2311 Non-diagnostic coronary angiography with PTCA and stenting
- 2328 Coding of angiogram with angioplasty
- 2375 Medtronic Infuse Bone Morphogenic Protein 2 (BMP)
- 2376 Intra-thecal morphine
- 2377 Traumatic epidural haemorrhage
- 2379 Presenting condition linked to previously diagnosed cancer
- 2381 Supervision of primigravida with advanced maternal age
- 2382 Palliative care principal diagnosis
- 2383 Insertion of arterial catheters
- 2384 Skin sparing mastectomy
- 2386 Intracranial haematoma due to a haemorrhagic disorder
- 2387 Lateral release in total knee replacement
- 2388 Limbal relaxing suture/incision
- 2390 Index entry for drainage, pleura
- 2391 Femoro-acetabular impingement (FAI)
- 2393 Prefixing of history of cancer code

The database can be downloaded or viewed on-line.

Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

135.4 VAED Manual 2008-09 released

The VAED Manual 18th Edition for 2008-09 is now available on our website:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/vaed/2008-09/manual/index.htm>

There has been a change to Section 2 since the manual was first loaded on 13 August. The definition of Nursing Home Type has been amended to allow for a medical practitioner or their delegate to provide certification for public patients in public hospitals.

No printed copies of manuals will be distributed. The manual should be accessed or downloaded via the web.

135.5 WIES report issue for 2008-09

The WIES report was incorrect for 2008-09 data. The problem was rectified on 18 August 2008. A further problem with all same-day ECT being reported as non-WIES Fundable was identified and rectified on 27 August 2008.

To receive an updated report, hospitals can request a WIES report in the header date. Refer to Section 6 of the VAED manual for details of the required parameters.

Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)

135.6 New ESIS reporting time lines

A copy of this information was distributed to ESIS Submission Officers on 08 August 2008.

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Health Service CEOs and ESIS Submission Officers were advised by e-Mail on 01 August 2008 of changes to the minimum reporting time lines for ESIS submissions.

This document provides additional information on the implementation of these changes.

The text below replaces Section 6.9 of the *Victoria–Public Hospitals and Mental Health Services Policy and Funding Guidelines 2008–09, General Conditions of Funding* and describes in detail the new submission arrangements.

We appreciate Health Services' co-operation and assistance in implementing these changed time lines. Please contact the HDSS Help Desk if you have additional questions about this matter.

REVISIONS TO ESIS REPORTING TIMELINES

Effective from 01 August 2008 until further advised, all hospitals reporting to ESIS will be required to adhere to the following minimum submission timelines. Hospitals may submit more frequently than the minimum standards specified below.

The broad intent of these changes is to increase the frequency of submission from monthly reporting periods to twice-monthly reporting periods. The aim is to have Health Services send a submission for each half-month within three working days of the end of that period and to have edits from that submission resolved no later than the next half-month's submission date.

Minimum frequency of data submission

Must include all activity (registrations, removals, readiness, urgency and scheduling events) covering the period:	Due:
First fifteen days of the month (1st to 15th).	Received at DHS no later than 5:00pm on the 18th of the month where this is a working day, or by 5:00pm on the next working day if the 18th is not a working day.
The remaining days of the month (16th and subsequent).	Received at DHS no later than 5:00pm on the 3rd day of the following month, where this is a working day, or by 5:00pm on the next working day if the 3rd is not a working day.

All edits must be resolved within 21 days of the Extract End Date of the submission in which they were first triggered, or the due date of the next reporting period's minimum frequency submission, whichever occurs first.

DHS will endeavour to process submissions within three working days of receipt.

Examples

- An error triggered in a submission with an extract end date of Thu 07 August 2008 must be corrected by Thu 28 August 2008. (21 days)
- An error triggered in a submission with an extract end date of Fri 15 August 2008 must be corrected by Wed 03 September 2008. (19 days)
- An error triggered in a submission with an extract end date of Sun 31 August 2008 must be corrected by Thu 18 September 2008. (18 days)
- An error triggered in a submission with an extract end date of Wed 15 April 2009 must be corrected by Mon 04 May 2009. (19 days)

Timelines may be further varied by DHS to make reasonable allowances for public holiday periods such as Christmas, Easter and Melbourne Cup.

Any corrections must be transmitted before consolidation of the ESIS database on 21 August 2009.

Where hospitals do not comply with these timelines, the department may apply a penalty of up to:

- a) \$2,000 if a reporting period's activity (1st to 15th being a period and 16th and subsequent being a period) is not submitted by the timeline specified above
- b) \$1,000 for each Rejection and Notifiable edit that is not resolved by the timeline specified above
- c) \$2,000 for each Rejection and Notifiable edit that is not resolved within thirty days of the timeline specified above or database consolidation, whichever comes first.

Please note that it is not expected that penalties would be applied to Health Services during the transition period to the new reporting times.

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.

Exemptions for late data will only be considered for circumstances beyond the control of the hospital.

Software problems are, of themselves, insufficient justification for late submission of data. Hospitals are expected to have arrangements in place with their software vendor to ensure that statutory reporting requirements are met.

Submissions for exemption should be received by the appropriate consolidation deadline. Under no circumstances will consideration of exemption from late penalties be given to exemption requests received after 5pm on 21 August 2009.

For any period that the hospital is unable to supply unit record data, the hospital may be required to submit aggregate data. Additional penalties may apply for failure to submit aggregate data when required.

135.7 Specific variations to new ESIS reporting time lines

As noted in the previous section, DHS may vary the general rule to make reasonable allowances for public holiday periods such as Christmas, Easter and Melbourne Cup. The following specific dates apply:

Month	Reporting Period	Date Due
July 2008	Whole month	08 August 2008
August 2008	1st to 15th	20 August 2008
	16th and subsequent	03 September 2008
September 2008	1st to 15th	18 September 2008
	16th and subsequent	03 October 2008
October 2008	1st to 15th	20 October 2008
	16th and subsequent	06 November 2008
November 2008	1st to 15th	19 November 2008
	16th and subsequent	03 December 2008
December 2008	1st to 15th	18 December 2008

Agency Information Management System (AIMS)

135.8 Reporting of Interpreter Services as VACS Allied Health Activity

Health Services are reminded that interpreter services activity does not in its own right qualify for separate reporting as an occasion of service. As a general reporting principle, whether or not there was need for, or actual provision of, an interpreter as part of a service would be recorded as a property of that service and not recorded as a service in its own right.

Health Services must not report provision of an interpreter service as a separate activity as VACS-funded allied health or in any other category that would give rise to a separate activity count.

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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