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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:

- Funding, Health and Information Policy Branch internal restructure
- DHS & Australian Government Circular updates
- Coding
 - Updated Queries Database
 - PICQ 2008
- VAED
 - Updated Supplementary code lists
 - VAED change for patients admitted under the Elective Surgery Access Service (ESAS) program
 - Data quality reminder
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 - Specific variations for ESIS submission timelines for the remainder of 2008-09
 - Proposed modification to ESIS Control Reports
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 - *Departure Status* reminder

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

139.1 DHS Health Information restructure

Following an internal restructure of the Funding, Health and Information Policy Branch, the functions of the HDSS unit have been split across two new units. The *Health Data Acquisition* unit, managed by Vaughn Moore, will have responsibility for VAED, VEMD and ESIS, and the *Health Data Development* unit, managed by Andrew Brown, will have responsibility for VINAH and AIMS. There will be no changes to the HDSS website, HDSS Bulletin or HDSS Help Desk in the short term. As some staff members have changed roles, please send enquiries to the HDSS Help Desk rather than contacting individual staff members directly.

139.2 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>

New Hospital

| Name | Campus code | Effective date |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Bendigo Day Surgery | 8950 | 10 November 2008 |
| Corymbia House | 7890 | 29 October 2008 |

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

139.3 DHS circular update

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

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

Hospital Circular 23/2008

Subject: Update of guidelines and responsibilities for Hospital Early Warning Systems (HEWS) and hospital bypass for metropolitan health services

Hospital Circular 27/2008

Subject: Changes to the Rehabilitation Appliances Program National Schedule of Equipment for eligible veterans

Hospital Circular 30/2008

Subject: Highly Specialised Drugs Program

Hospital Circular 31/2008

Subject: Post Acute Care (PAC) for TAC Clients

Hospital Circular 32/2008

Subject: Traceability of transfused blood and blood products

Hospital Circular 33/2008

Subject: Changes to highly specialised drug program effective 1 December 2008

139.4 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

PHI 55/08 Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Amendment Rules 2008 (No 4)

PHI 56/08 New Private Hospital and Name/Address Change

PHI 57/08 New Private Hospital Queensland

PHI 58/08 New Private Hospitals NSW and Vic, Qld Closure

PHI 59/08 Reporting Requirements for Hospitals and Insurers

PH 60/08 Private Health Insurance (Complaints Levy) Amendment Rules 2008 and payment of the 2008 Private Health Insurance Complaints Levy

PH 61/08 Private Health Insurance (Complying Product) Rules - Pilot Projects

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

Clinical Coding

139.5 Victorian ICD Coding Committee (VICC) queries database updated

The VICC queries database September 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:

- 2105 Pharmacotherapy - multiple intents
- 2193 KTP bladder neck vaporisation
- 2265 Calculus of VUJ (vesico-ureteric junction) and PUJ (Pelvo-ureteric junction)
- 2323 MRI brain, cerebral cell study and stereotactic localisation
- 2385 Intraductal carcinoma of breast with metastases
- 2394 Coding of mental health day programs
- 2395 Homicidal ideation
- 2397 ACS 1521 Conditions complicating pregnancy
- 2398 Intentional self-harm
- 2399 Previous delivery by caesarean section
- 2401 Mucus plugging
- 2403 Large neurovascular island flap
- 2405 Open capsulotomy breast
- 2407 admitted for a non weight bearing period
- 2412 Manual Ventilation

The database can be downloaded or viewed on-line.

Please note that query #2193 KTP bladder neck vaporisation has been updated following further advice from NCCH.

139.6 Performance Indicators for Coding Quality (PICQ) 2008 now available

DHS is pleased to announce that it has negotiated and met the cost of a statewide licence to use the National Centre for Classification in Health's (NCCH) product Performance Indicators for Coding Quality (PICQ) 2008, which utilises ICD-10-AM/ACHI Sixth Edition ICD-10-AM/ACHI codes.

PICQ2008 is now available on the HDSS website. Hospitals can access this once they have registered with HDSS, and accepted the conditions of licence (required for private hospitals). Under the terms of the arrangement with NCCH, PICQ2008 can only be obtained from the HDSS Unit website with the appropriate password.

- If the software is to be installed at different campuses of the same hospital, each individual campus (or an individual who can represent each campus) must apply for a password.
- If the software is to be installed at different private hospitals of the same group, each hospital (or an individual from the organisation who can represent each hospital) must apply for a password.

For sites who have continued to use PICQ2006 for data coded using ICD-10-AM Sixth Edition, it is recommended that the data is re-analysed using PICQ2008. DHS encourages hospitals to develop and follow strategies intended to improve data quality, including use of this product.

If any site has feedback regarding the use or logic of PICQ2008, please contact the HDSS Help Desk. We will attempt to answer any queries you may have, or where appropriate, provide feedback to NCCH.

Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

139.7 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 Rehabilitation Program: Level 2 services.

| Name | Campus code | Effective date |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Como Private Hospital | 7740 | 1 July 2008 |

Program Approval

The following hospitals have been granted approval for Rural Patients Initiative (*Funding Arrangement 5*) services.

| Name | Campus code | Effective date |
|---|-------------|----------------|
| Central Gippsland Health Service – Sale | 2060 | 1 July 2008 |
| Djerriwarrh Health Service | 3020 | 1 July 2008 |
| Mildura Base Hospital | 2320 | 1 July 2008 |
| Echuca Regional Health | 2180 | 1 July 2008 |
| Mt Alexander Hospital | 5010 | 1 July 2008 |

139.8 ESAS amendment to allow private same-day patients

A change to the edits and business rules has been made for patients admitted under the Elective Surgery Access Service (ESAS) program. The change allows for *Funding Arrangement* '6 - Elective Surgery Access Service' to be reported with *Account Class* 'PO - Same Day (Band 1)', 'PP - Same Day (Band 2)', 'PQ - Same Day (Band 3)', and 'PR - Same Day (Band 4)'.

Edit R491 *Incompatible fields for ESAS* has been amended to reflect the change (although the wording of the edit remains the same). The *Funding Arrangement: Elective Surgery Access Service* business rule table has been amended as follows:

Funding Arrangement: Elective Surgery Access Service

If *Funding Arrangement* is '6 - Elective Surgery Access Service', then the following fields must contain the codes shown below. Only fields that cannot contain the full code set are listed.

| Field | Valid codes |
|----------------------------|--|
| E4 Episode Record | |
| Admission Type | L |
| Admission Source | T, B, N, A, H |
| Account Class | MP, PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PO, PP, PQ, PR, VX, WC, TA, AS, CL, OO |
| Qualification Status | X |
| Carer Availability | Space |
| Care Type | 4 |
| Criterion for Admission | B, C, E, O |
| Mental Health Legal Status | 9 |

Edit 491 Incompat Fields for ESAS

139.9 Data Quality – When residential aged care is 'home'

Hospitals are reminded that patients admitted from a residential aged care centre when it is their usual place of residence should be reported with *Admission Source* 'N - Transfer from aged care residential facility'. Similarly, patients separated to the aged care facility in which they normally reside should be reported with *Separation Mode* 'N - Separation and transfer to aged care residential facility'. *Separation Mode* 'N' has an 'Includes' note which specifies that this code should be used when the patient is returning to the facility in which they live.

These data definitions have been in place since 2003-04. Please ensure that the codes are used correctly for all future admissions.

Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)

139.10 Specific variations to ESIS reporting time lines for remainder of 2008-09

Bulletin 135 advised of new reporting timelines for 2008. The general guidelines for determining the deadlines are provided here for your information (and can be accessed in the *Victoria—Public hospitals and mental health services Policy and funding guidelines 2008-09.*).

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. |

DHS may vary the general rule to make reasonable allowances for public holiday periods such as Christmas, Easter and Melbourne Cup. For the remainder of 2008-09, the following specific dates apply:

| Month | Reporting Period | Date Due |
|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| December 2008 | 1st to 15th | 18 December 2008 |
| | 16th and subsequent | 05 January 2009 |
| January 2009 | 1st to 15th | 19 January 2009 |
| | 16th and subsequent | 03 February 2009 |
| February 2009 | 1st to 15th | 18 February 2009 |
| | 16th and subsequent | 03 March 2009 |
| March 2009 | 1st to 15th | 18 March 2009 |
| | 16th and subsequent | 03 April 2009 |
| April 2009 | 1st to 15th | 20 April 2009 |
| | 16th and subsequent | 04 May 2009 |
| May 2009 | 1st to 15th | 18 May 2009 |
| | 16th and subsequent | 03 June 2009 |
| June 2009 | 1st to 15th | 18 June 2009 |
| | 16th and subsequent | 3 July 2009 |

139.11 ESIS Control Reports: Feedback sought

Several Health Services have contacted the HDSS help desk regarding the content and use of ESIS Control Report 8: *Day of Surgery Admissions (DOSA) by surgical specialty: number and percent*. As DHS no longer uses DOSA for performance monitoring, it has been suggested that this ESIS Control Report be discontinued.

Before discontinuing this report, we are seeking feedback from health services in this regard. If you or anyone at your hospital uses this report for any form of DOSA monitoring, can you please contact the HDSS help desk to discuss this.

We are also interested in your feedback regarding the content and use of all other ESIS Control Reports. Please email the HDSS help desk with your comments, questions and any suggestions for enhancements.

Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)

139.12 VEMD *Departure Status* for admitted patients

Hospitals are reminded that the *Departure Status* for patients considered to meet the criteria for admission (and therefore submission to the VAED) but whose entire hospital stay occurs in the Emergency Department (ED), **should not** indicate a transfer to a ward setting in this hospital (*Departure status* codes 3, 13, 14, 15, 18, 22, 25, 26). Instead, hospitals should report the patient's immediate destination or departure status upon departure from the ED.

Contact Details

The Health Information Section 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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