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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
- Release of Final Specifications for VAED, VEMD and ESIS
- VAED
 - ICD-10-AM/ACHI Sixth Edition library file modification
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- VEMD
 - Reminder: Data submission timelines reminder
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Global Update

140.1 DHS circular update

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

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

Hospital Circular 36/2008

Subject: Changes to the Highly Specialised Drugs Program

Hospital Circular 35/2008

Subject: Pharmaceutical outpatient charges, PBS co-payments and Safety Net thresholds

Hospital Circular 34/2008

Subject: Long Service Leave

140.2 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

PHI 66/08 Hospitals Webpage, New Private Hospital and Name Changes – NSW, Closure of Neonatal Facility

PHI 65/08 Who can purchase Australian Private Health Insurance?

PHI 64/08 Registration of the Private Health Insurance (Complying Product) Amendment Rules 2008 (No 4)

PHI 63/08 Private Health Insurance (Complying Product) Amendment Rules 2008 (No 3)

PHI 62/08 National Hospital Cost Data Collection 2007/08: Round 12 Key Dates

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

140.3 Release of Draft Final Specifications

Hospitals are advised of the release of the following documents relating to Health-Information-managed datasets:

- *Specifications for Revisions to PRS/2 and the Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset for 1 July 2009.*
- *Specifications for Revisions to the Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset for 1 July 2009.*
- *Specifications for Revisions to the Elective Surgery Information Systems for 1 July 2009.*

These documents have been distributed with this Bulletin and are available for downloading from <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss>

Please circulate these documents to relevant staff within your organisation, and ensure that your software provider has also received a copy.

Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

140.4 ICD-10-AM/ACHI Sixth Edition library file modification

Changes have been made to the library file as displayed in the box below.

Code	Code description	Column F first_high age	Column H second_low age
3550300	Insertion intrauterine device	44 10	42 11
3550600	Replacement of intrauterine device [IUD]	44 10	42 11
3550602	Removal of intrauterine device [IUD]	44 10	42 11

Please ensure that this modification is made to the 2008-09 library file. Alternatively the updated library file is available for downloading at:

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

140.5 Change to edit R308

In acknowledgement of the difficulties associated with the reporting of Criteria for Admission O and Intended Duration of Stay Same Day for procedures that have traditionally required an overnight stay but are now planned same day procedures, Edit 308 *Adm Crit O But Int'd Same Day* has been changed to a Warning rather than a Rejection.

Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)

140.6 Reminder: Data submission timelines

Hospitals are reminded of the following timelines for submission of VEMD data (as per *Victoria -Public hospitals and mental health services, Conditions of funding: 6.8 Transmission of emergency department data*).

First 14 days of the month	At least one submission must be received by the 21 st of the reporting month (for example, 1-14 July by 21 July)
Full month	Remainder of the month must be supplied by the 10 th of the following month. Must be complete, i.e. zero rejection and notifiable edits, by the 21 st of the following month (for example, July data by 21 August).

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

Hospitals are advised that DHS will be taking an active monitoring role to ensure that data submissions are received according to the established timelines.

140.7 Update: Time to Treatment

There has been extensive consultation within DHS and with the VEMD Technical Reference Group about the "time to treatment" concepts and data elements. That development work, including consideration of a new concept: 'initiation of patient management', has not yet been finalised. Health services will be advised as soon as possible about changes to concepts, data element names and definitions. However no changes to submission file structures will be required.

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

140.8 Limited support for VINAH over Christmas-New Year period

Please note that there will be limited support for VINAH queries over the Christmas-New Year break and early January 2009. Please address *all* VINAH queries in this period to the HDSS Help Desk.

Agency Information Management System (AIMS)

140.9 Limited support for AIMS over Christmas-New Year period

Please note that there will be limited support for AIMS queries over the Christmas-New Year break. The AIMS help desk will continue to be monitored, however users may experience a reduction in service levels.

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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