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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

This edition of the Health Data Standards and Systems (HDSS) Bulletin has been published in electronic format only. It has been posted on our website at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/bulletin/141-110209.pdf> and can be viewed as a downloadable file.

This bulletin provides information regarding:

- DHS & Australian Government Circular updates
- HDSS Forum
- VAED
 - Errata to the Specifications for Revision VAED
- VINAH
 - Supplementary Code List Update

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

141.1 DHS circular update

The following circulars have been released, and can be found at:
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hospitalcirculars/>

Hospital Circular 1/2009

Subject: Emergency Ambulance Services Price Increase

Hospital Circular 1/2009 - AMENDMENT

Subject: Emergency Ambulance Services Price Increase

141.2 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released:

- PHI 1/09** Draft Data Specifications: General Treatment Data Collection 2009/10
- PHI 2/09** Hospitals eligible for second tier default benefits – private health insurance (benefit requirements) amendment rules 2008 (no. 5)
- PHI 3/09** Training For The National Hospital Cost Data Collection
- PHI 4/09** Changes To Hospitals - Victoria, Queensland & Western Australia
- PHI 5/09** Reminder and confirmation of training dates and venues for the National Hospital Cost Data Collection (NHCDC).
- PHI 6/09** Prostheses List Update
- PHI 7/09** Changes To Prostheses List Fees
- PHI 8/09** Emergency Triage Education Kit
- PHI 9/09** February 2009 Prostheses List

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

141.3 HDSS Forum Return

After a two year break, Health Information Section has scheduled a HDSS Forum for 1 May 2009.

The forum will be held on level one of the DHS Head Office at 50 Lonsdale St Melbourne. Start time is 1000 and we plan to finish at 1530.

Health Information Section is working up an agenda covering a range of topical issues in Health Information generally. Suggestions for the agenda are welcome. Please forward them to Anna Cooper by e-mail at anna.cooper@dhs.vic.gov.au.

141.4 Addition to HDSS Contacts Database

An online form has been added to our website to request addition to the HDSS Contacts Database and mailing lists.

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/general/contactsform.htm>

Use the form to request addition to the HDSS Bulletin and Coding information mailing lists. The form can also be used to indicate whether you are the main contact person in your organisation with respect to one or more collections or areas of interest. When completing the form, please supply any other relevant information, such as any other organisations that you were registered with but have now left, or the name of the staff member that you have replaced, so that we can keep our database as up to date as possible.

Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

141.5 Errata to the Specifications for Revision VAED

Hospitals are advised of the release of the following document via email on 19 January 2009 relating to Health-Information-managed datasets:

- *Errata to the Specifications for Revisions to PRS/2 and the Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset for 1 July 2009.*

This document is also available for downloading from <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss>

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

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

141.6 Supplementary Code List Updates

The following code has been added to reference table 990012 – Contact/Client Service Event Provider.

Value	Descriptor
11812A	The Salvation Army – Bridge Programme

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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