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This bulletin provides information regarding:

- HDSS Forum agenda
- VINAH
 - Errata to VINAH Specifications
 - Medi-Hotel Reporting to VINAH - Implementation schedule and summary of reporting requirements

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Global Update

144.1 HDSS Forum – 1 May 2009

For information, the agenda for the HDSS Forum, to be held 1 May 2009 at the Telstra theatrette, level 1, 242 Exhibition St, Melbourne is presented below. If you would like to attend the forum, please RSVP to Margaret Larkins at DHS by telephone on (03) 9096 8966 or e-mail margaret.larkins@dhs.vic.gov.au by 24 April 2009.

Agenda

- 0930 Welcome (Mark Gill, Assistant Director, Health Information, MHACS)
1. HealthSMART progress and future plans, roll-out program, (Francis Goh, Manager, Patient and Client Management Systems, OHIS, MHACS)
 2. Victorian Health ICT Vision and Framework and E-Health update. (Nigel Phipps, Office of Director, IM and ICT, Health)
 3. DHS Information Management Strategy (Shahn Williams, MHACS, DHS)
 4. Main datasets – 2009-2010 changes. Timelines (Sara Harrison, Senior HIMA, MHACS)
 5. HealthCollect and VHIRS re-development. (Michael Bouchaud, Manager, HealthCollect and VHIRS re-development, MHACS)
- Brief break
6. Health Information Data Reform (Andrew Brown, Manager, Health Data Development, MHACS)
 7. VINAH development progress and planning (Andrew Brown)
 8. 2009-2010 Policy and Funding Guidelines (Julie Brophy, Manager, Funding Policy, MHACS)
 9. Health Data Quality Assurance Framework (Vaughn Moore)
 10. HIM and coder workforce issues (Mark Gill, Assistant Director, Health Information, MHACS)
- 1240-1340 Lunch
11. Patient Safety Indicators (Steve McConchie/Andrew Clark, Statewide Quality Branch, RRHACS)
 12. Data output arrangements and access policy, Hospital presentation re data usage (Josephine Beer, Manager, Health Data Provision, MHACS)
 13. Data linkage usage and developments (Vijaya Sundararajan, SMA, Funding, Health and Information Policy Branch, MHACS)
 14. The Victorian Health Service Accountability Framework: The role of data (Maree Roberts, Access and Metropolitan Performance Branch, MHACS)
 15. Panel (Mark Gill, Vaughn Moore, Andrew Brown, Josephine Beer, Michael Bouchaud)
- 1530 Close

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

144.2 Errata to VINAH Specifications

VINAH reporting organisations are advised of the release of a revised version of *Specifications for revisions to the Victorian Integrated Non-Admitted Health Minimum Data Set (VINAH MDS) for 01 July 2009*.

This document has been distributed with this Bulletin and is available for downloading from <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss>

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The following errata have been made:

- (1) Outpatients to collect Referral In Receipt Acknowledgment Date (Table amended under Change 1, pg 11).
- (2) Medi-Hotel to report Episode Program/Stream (Table amended under Change 1, pg 10).
- (3) Correct code set shown for Contact/Client Service Event Preferred Setting of Care (Change 14, pg 73).
- (4) Code 1001 removed from Referral In Program Stream for Perinatals pilot – Perinatals will not report Referrals In. (Change 3, pg 18-19).
- (5) Code XXX may not be reported for File Sending Application (Change 18, pg 98). Additionally, (not an erratum) following feedback from Health Services after release of this specification, code HRA has been added to File Sending Application and Local Identifier Assigning Authority.
- (6) Following feedback (not an erratum), a new edit has been developed (Change 20, pg 108). This edit, E011, will not add any new business rules, it will only enforce what is already documented in Section 3 of the manual in respect of repeating values.

144.3 Medi-Hotel Reporting to VINAH - Implementation schedule and summary of reporting requirements

Health Services will have noted that the *Specifications for Revisions to VINAH for 01 July 2009* contain provision for health services to report data on Medi-Hotel services to the collection. DHS is currently developing guidelines for the operation of Medi-Hotel, and a consultation draft of the guidelines is expected to be released shortly. In order for health services to have time to align policy and reporting practice and to develop appropriate systems, DHS advises that health services are not required to have fully operational systems in place for transmission of reporting as at 01 July 2009, however health services are expected to capture data from 01 July 2009 for later transmission. The target date for health services to begin transmission of live Medi-Hotel data is 01 October 2009. Health services may begin transmission sooner if able to do so. VINAH is expected to be available to receive test transmissions of Medi-Hotel data from mid June 2009; health services will be advised when this facility is available.

Medi-Hotel reporting requirements for 2009-10 are minimal and consist of eight data elements for each Medi-Hotel episode, which are:

- Patient/Client Birth Date
- Patient/Client Birth Date Accuracy
- Patient/Client Identifier
- Patient/Client Sex
- Patient/Client Usual Residence Locality Name
- Patient/Client Usual Residence Postcode
- Episode End Date
- Episode Start Date

The schedule for VINAH reporting is a minimum monthly transmission of data with at least one transmission covering the month's activity to be received by the 10th of the following month and all edits corrected by the 17th of the following month. More frequent reporting is permissible.

There are a small number of supporting data elements required for VINAH transmission as detailed in the VINAH manual (Section 3, Part II); these are usually the concern of the software vendor and not the end Health Service user. Examples include: Organisation Identifier (Health Service-level code); Episode Program/Stream (code "91" for Medi-Hotel); and, Episode Identifier.

Alison Daley is the VINAH collection manager and will be contacting the relevant health services over the next several weeks to ensure services are supported to introduce reporting.

Policy and practice questions on Medi-Hotel and the development of the guidelines may be directed to Sue O'Sullivan on (03) 9096 8958 or sue.osullivan@dhs.vic.gov.au .

Questions about the VINAH data collection and Medi-Hotel reporting requirements may be directed to Alison Daley through the HDSS Help Desk.

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)

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- 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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