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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

### 149.1 Hospital Code Table Update

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>

#### Hospital name changes

Old name	New name	Campus code	Effective date
Melbourne Medibrain Centre	Melbourne Medibrain and Medisleep Centre	8420	1 September 2009

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

### 149.2 Department of Health Circular Update

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

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

**Publication Number 23 / 2009** - 9 September 2009

Date issued: 4 September 2009

Subject: Reciprocal Healthcare Agreements

**Publication Number 24 / 2009** - 2 September 2009

Date issued: 1 September 2009

Subject: Changes to the Highly Specialised Drugs Program

### 149.3 Australian Government Circular Updates

The following Private Health circulars have been released since publication of HDSS Bulletin 148 on 2 September 2009:

- PHI 62/09 Invitation to Participate in the National Hospital Cost Data Collection (NHCCDC) Round 13 (2008-09)**
- PHI 61/09 Release of the National Hospital Cost Data Collection (NHCCDC) Round 12 (2007-08) Results**
- PHI 60/09 Who can purchase Australian Private Health Insurance? (Re-issue of Circular PHI 65/08)**
- PHI 59/09 New Private Hospitals - New South Wales**
- PHI 58/09 Changes to the Private Health Insurance Branch Contact List**
- PHI 57/09 2009 Australian Health Insurance Association Conference**
- PHI 56/09 New Private Hospitals - Victoria and Western Australia**

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](mailto:privatehealth@health.gov.au)

## 149.4 Job Opportunities

### 149.4.1 Manager, Health Data Acquisition

This position is responsible for the leadership of a team delivering timely and accurate acquisition of health data. The Health Data Acquisition Unit has key responsibility for the acquisition of data for several Victorian health data collections including Hospital Admitted Episodes, Emergency Department presentations, and Waiting List Episodes. The position operates in a complex and dynamic environment, requiring a capacity to exercise judgement and the ability to effectively plan and organise the acquisition of hospital data.

Closing date: 19 October 2009

Contact: Mark Gill  
(03) 9096 7456

### 149.4.2 Senior Health Information Management Advisor

This position is responsible for managing data acquisition activities relating to one or more of the key Victorian acute health data sets. The occupant has a key role in advising and liaising with Health Information professionals in Victorian Hospitals regarding reporting requirements for funding, accountability and service development purposes with a particular focus on ensuring data are fit for purpose. The position also advises on reporting issues within the department, in conjunction with key business areas and Health Information Section colleagues.

The successful applicant will work with data concerning hospital admitted episodes, emergency department presentations, and elective surgery waiting list episodes. The person will work with Health Information staff that provide and utilise the data in order to maintain high quality information and develop reporting standards.

Closing date: 4 October 2009

Contact: Jennie Shepheard  
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### 149.4.3 Hospital Data Analyst, Health Information Provision Unit

Reporting to the Manager, Health Information Provision and operating within a team environment, this role is accountable for providing the development and delivery of timely and accurate reporting of health information to multiple internal and external stakeholders. The Health Information Provision Unit has key responsibility for dissemination of information extracted from several Victorian health data collections including Hospital Admitted Episodes, Emergency Department presentations and Elective Surgery Waiting List Episodes, for Health Service monitoring, program development and clinical research. The successful applicant will have expertise in data management, using statistical tools and techniques, possess excellent interpersonal skills and have highly developed analytical, conceptual, communication and problem solving skills. Training in data extraction tools is available and a secondment opportunity will be considered for this position.

Closing date: 12 October 2009

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For further information visit <http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers/>

## Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

### 149.5 Release of VAED Manual 19<sup>th</sup> edition, 1 July 2009

The new version of the VAED manual is now available on the HDSS website. Please go to <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vaed/index.htm> to access the manual.

### 149.6 Exemption from late data submission

A general exemption from late data submission penalties will apply to **July episode and diagnosis** data submitted to the VAED for all health services due on 17 September.

An exemption will also apply to **August episode** data for all health services due on 17 September.

### 149.7 Supplementary Code List Update

An updated version of the Supplementary Code Lists file has been posted on the HDSS website on 8 September 2009:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/reffiles/index.htm>

### 149.8 Country of Birth and Country of Residence SACC codesets - updated

The Country of Birth and Country of Residence codesets, including mapping table for SACC to ASCCS codesets were updated for 1 July 2009 and posted on the HDSS website on 4 September 2009: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/reffiles/index.htm>

### 149.9 Impairment and Clinical Sub-program mapping table available

A mapping table for Impairment and Clinical Sub-program was posted on the HDSS website on 4 September 2009: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/reffiles/index.htm>

## 149.10 HITH – updated information August 2009

An updated HITH Information document has been published on the HITH website:  
[www.health.vic.gov.au/hith](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hith)

The changes relative to the previous version have been highlighted in grey. Of particular interest are the changes to HITH and newborns which are repeated here for your information.

- Mothers may be admitted to HITH if they meet the Criteria for Admission but it is not usual for both mother and baby to be admitted.
- It is acknowledged that where possible the mother and baby should be treated in the same place. Therefore HITH has a key role in allowing babies to return home with the mother once clinically indicated.
- Generally, the only babies in HITH who can be reported to the VAED are ones who required care in hospital and still require treatment at home as a continuation of that care. As for any other patient, there needs to be documentation that the baby would otherwise require admitted care in hospital.
- Earlier business rules have deemed that only “qualified” babies can be treated on HITH and that newborns cannot be reported as “on leave” for days when they are not visited. Both regulations have been removed.
- Early discharge following delivery is not justification for reporting HITH for a newborn. The Maternity Services Grant (MSG – formerly the Variable Maternity Services Grant) provides for post-discharge visits which cover postnatal domiciliary care to public maternity clients, including basic postnatal health checks and newborn screening tests.
- Further work is underway to establish appropriate delivery of maternity discharge services.

## 149.11 Errata – Clinical Sub-Program mandatory reporting for Care Types

Care Type 7 was omitted from the mandatory reporting field for Clinical Sub-Program in item 148.5 in the last edition of the HDSS Bulletin. The correct version is printed below (inserted item highlighted in grey). This item is correct in the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the VAED manual.

### Clinical Sub-Program

#### Specification

<b>Definition</b>	The diagnosis, based on the body system manifesting the reason for rehabilitation.		
<b>Datatype</b>	Numeric	<b>Form</b>	Code
<b>Field size</b>	3	<b>Layout</b>	NNN Right justify, leading zero.
<b>Location</b>	Sub-Acute Record		
<b>Reported by</b>	Public hospitals.		
<b>Reported for</b>	Optional if Care Type = 2, 6, 7, K, P and Impairment present. Mandatory if Care Type = 2, 6, 7, K, P and Impairment NOT present For Care Types 8, 9, F and E, report spaces.		
<b>Reported when</b>	A Separation Date is reported in the Episode Record.		

## 149.12 New Reciprocal Health Care Agreement – Kingdom of Belgium

Australia has Reciprocal Health Care Agreements (RHCA) operating with the following countries: Finland, Italy, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Ireland, Sweden, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

A new RHCA has been negotiated with the Kingdom of Belgium effective 1 September 2009 (see also Department of Health Circular Publication Number 23 / 2009 ).

## 149.13 Potential Changes to Admission Policy

The Department of Health has identified areas that potentially require clarification or change to the current Hospital Admission Policy, in particular, relating to the Criteria for Admission for Type B, C and E. In order to address these issues, the department is seeking to develop simplified criteria for these admission criteria, with the aim of introducing the new criteria from 1 July 2010. Before any final decision is made on the criteria for admission, the department will work with health services during 2009-10 to ensure any proposed changes are simple, logical, and equitable.

Further detail is available at:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vaed/admissions%20policy/index.htm>

Suggested changes to admission policy can be forwarded via email to:  
[HDSS.HelpDesk@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:HDSS.HelpDesk@dhs.vic.gov.au).

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

## 149.14 Release of VINAH Manual Sections for 2009-10

The following sections of the VINAH manual have been published on the HDSS website.

Section 3: Data Definitions  
Section 5c: Data Element Binding  
Section 8: Editing (update with errata)  
Section 9: Code sets

Please go to <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vinah/2009-10/index.htm> to access the manual.

## 149.15 Errata VINAH Manual 2008-09 (VINAH v4), Section 3

VINAH reporting organisations are advised of the following errata to VINAH Manual 2008-09 (VINAH v4), Section 3.

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

The following corrections have been made:

- (1) Contact/Client Service Event Provider Sequence Number (page 3-131) has been replaced with:

Contact/Client Service Event Professional Group Sequence Number

The corrected data element specification can be found in the VINAH Manual 2009-10 (VINAH v5), Section 3-142.

Note that repeating values may not be sent for Contact/Client Service Event Provider.

- (2) Episode Health Condition was missing the following codes in Section 3 only (pages 3-63 and 3-64). The reference table (990010) in Section 9 contained the full and correct code list.

Codes: 103, 104, 136, 137, 138, 186.

The corrected data element specification can be found in the VINAH Manual 2009-10 (VINAH v5), Section 3-71 and 3-72.

## **Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)**

### **149.16 VEMD Forum and Technical Reference Group**

On 11 September the Department conducted a very successful forum involving Emergency Department Clinicians. VEMD data issues including the recent introduction of the Initiation of Patient Management Date and Time data items and the proposed changes to Triage Date and Time were discussed with a view to providing greater clarity for data recording.

In addition, the current VAED admission policy, and potential changes to it were discussed, in particular regarding those episodes where all or part of their hospital stay is in the Emergency Department.

The outcomes from the forum will be discussed at the next VEMD Technical Reference Group meeting with the aim of improving the guide for use for Initiation Of Patient Management and Triage Time. Other items on the TRG agenda include patient registration, discharge date and time and admission policy. Updates to the guides for use for key VEMD data items will be advised in forthcoming bulletins.

## 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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