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Global update

169.1 Australian Government circular update

The following circulars have been released since the publication of HDSS Bulletin 168:

PHI circular 78/11	Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Rules 2011
PHI circular 79/11	The Private Health Insurance (Accreditation) Rules 2011 And Podiatric Surgeons
PHI circular 80/11	Reminder: Accreditation requirements for Public and Private Declared hospitals
PHI circular 81/11	Private Health Insurance (Complying Product) Amendment Rules 2011 (No.7)
PHI circular 82/11	Call For Submissions – Australian Hospital Patient Costing Standards For The National Hospital Cost Data Collection
PHI circular 83/11	Payment of the 2011 Private Health Insurance Complaints Levy
PHI circular 84/11	Changes to the Prostheses List

Private Health Insurance circulars can be found at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-phicirculars2011-index1>

To subscribe to the circulars, email your subscription details to Private Health Insurance Branch at:

privatehealth@health.gov.au

169.2 Department of Health circular update

The following departmental hospital circulars have been released since the publication of HDSS Bulletin 168:

Hospital circular 24/2011	Highly Specialised Drugs Program
Hospital circular 25/2011	Direct Order - Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIg)
Hospital circular 26/2011	Highly Specialised Drugs Program
Hospital circular 27/2011	Implementation of the Inter-Hospital Transfer Form effective 1 January 2012
Hospital circular 31/2011	Clinical Support Time for Specialists – Further Once-off Funding

Hospital circulars can be found at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hospitalcirculars/>

Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

169.3 2010–11 Statewide PICQ results now available

Performance Indicators for Coding Quality™ (PICQ™) is a set of pre-determined indicators which identify records in data sets that may be incorrectly coded based on Australian Coding Standards (ACS) and coding conventions.

The Department of Health previously provided PICQ 2008 software under a statewide licence agreement with the National Centre for Classification in Health (NCCH) to Victorian health services to enable hospitals to monitor coding quality for submission to the Victorian Admitted Episode Dataset (VAED). PICQ™ is now owned by Pavilion Health, and the Department of Health has purchased an enterprise licence to provide PICQ™ v7.0 statewide benchmarking information to both public and private hospitals.

All public and private facilities will have access to statewide PICQ™ data which will be made available via the HDSS website. However, the licence agreement only allows the department to make individual hospital PICQ™ results available to public health services.

Statewide reports for 2010–11 are now available at the Statewide PICQ Results page <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/picq/results.htm>

The department plans to commence the provision of individual 2011–12 PICQ™ numerator reports to public health services in early 2012. Numerator reports will provide record level information on PICQ™ indicators to allow health services to review and correct coded data in order to improve overall coding accuracy and VAED data quality.

In 2012, the department will provide periodic updates regarding health service PICQ™ performance across Victoria. These updates will include details and interpretation of PICQ™ indicators to allow health services to compare their hospital's performance to statewide results or to peer groups of other Victorian health services.

Any queries regarding PICQ™ and the recently published statewide results should be directed to the HDSS Helpdesk: HDSS.Helpdesk@health.vic.gov.au

169.4 Dispute resolution process clarification for VAED 2010–11 to 2012–13 audit program

The current three-year round of VAED audits includes a defined dispute resolution process, whereby a second auditor 'blind codes' patient records in dispute between a health service and the independent auditors.

The department's intent, when stipulating this process, was to provide all parties with clarity regarding the decision-making process for a disputed audit outcome, providing a transparent and fair means of resolving audit results that remain in dispute after the normal processes are exhausted.

The department's expectation is, and remains, that all reasonable means to agree on an audit result for every patient record would be exhausted before the dispute resolution process was invoked. Specifically, this includes a face-to-face discussion between the appropriate health service coder(s) and the auditor(s). Given that health services are provided reasonable notice of the dates on which the audits will be undertaken, it is expected that an appropriate hospital representative will be available to finalise these discussions during the auditors' visit to the health service. KPMG and their auditors will also take all reasonable steps to ensure auditors are able to actively participate with health service staff in these discussions.

A number of instances have arisen in which the relevant health service coding personnel have not been available to discuss with the auditors patient records whose DRG changed as a result of the audit, prior

to the auditors finalising their visit to the health service. This has resulted in a relatively expensive and time consuming process becoming necessary to achieve an audit result for records with a DRG change.

To clarify the dispute resolution process for the current three-year VAED audit round:

- Patient records can only be considered in dispute (and therefore able to be referred to the specified dispute resolution process) if they have been subject to a full face-to-face discussion between the relevant auditor(s) and the relevant health service coding staff member(s).
- Although extenuating circumstances can limit staff availability, it is crucial to the viability of the dispute resolution process that the relevant coding staff are available for a face-to-face conversation with the auditor while the auditor is at the health service campus.
- Where no special circumstances exist and health service staff are not available for the face-to-face discussion with the auditor, the auditor's result will stand. In other than special circumstances, a record will be considered 'in dispute' and able to be referred to a second auditor *only after* coding staff and auditors have had a full face-to-face discussion and have failed to reach agreement.

For further details please contact: Vaughn Moore, Manager, Data Integrity at:
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169.5 Hospital insurance fund code set update

The hospital insurance fund code set now has a code for BUPA Australia Pty Limited. As advised in the previous Bulletin the old codes for BUPA's previous trading names can still be reported to the VAED for the remainder of this financial year.

Fund name	Old codes (valid to 30/6/2012)	New code	Effective date
BUPA Australia Pty Limited	Previously trading as HBA, MCL, MBF, SGI	BUP	1/10/2011

169.6 Additional campus approved to report Restorative Care (Care Type K and Program Identifier 03)

The Northern Hospital has been approved to report Restorative Care.

Name	Campus code	Effective date
Northern Hospital, The	1280	01/07/2011

Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)

169.7 Update to section 3 VEMD Manual

Section 3 of the VEMD Manual has been updated to re-instate **C – Other work** to the list of valid codes for the data element Activity When Injured. This is not a new code. It was inadvertently omitted from the list of valid codes previously published in the VEMD manual, sixteenth edition.

Elective Surgery Information System (ESIS)

169.8 Clarification: Scheduled Admission Date (SAD)

The scheduled admission date (SAD) is the date on which the admission for an awaited elective surgery procedure is intended to occur. When assigning the SAD, it is important to distinguish the scheduling of the *admission* from the scheduling of the *procedure*.

The department has received a request to clarify how to assign the SAD when the patient is admitted through Hospital in the Home (HITH) prior to the procedure date. Reasons for HITH prior to surgery include admission for pre-surgery work-up or drug monitoring to ensure the patient is appropriately prepared for their procedure.

In cases where patients are admitted prior to the expected procedure date, the SAD should always be assigned as the date that the patient is expected to be admitted to hospital. This includes admissions directly into HITH.

If the booking is required to be brought forward in order to admit the patient early for pre-surgery work-up, please ensure that a new SAD intra-episode record is submitted with an associated 'Reason SAD Changed' event of booking brought forward (code - 130).

If you have any further queries regarding the assignment of the SAD, please contact:
ESIS.ESIS@health.vic.gov.au

Contact details

The Funding & Information Policy branch of the Hospital & Health Service Performance Division is responsible for maintaining data standards for five Victorian health data collections:

- Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED) including Admitted Patient Entry & Transmission System (APET)
- 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 is produced on an ad hoc basis to provide:

- answers to common questions recently directed to the HDSS Help Desk
- 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
- information on upcoming events.

HDSS website

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

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For data requests from the health collections, contact:

Hospital Data Front Desk

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