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# Global Updates

## Updated Campus Code Table

The following public facilities have been added to the updated campus code table available on the HDSS website:

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| Hospital / Campus name | Campus code | Effective date |
| Wayipunga Bendigo Early Parenting Centre | 5650 | 01/02/2025 |

The following private facilities have been added to the updated campus code table available on the HDSS website:

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| Hospital / Campus name | Campus code | Effective date |
| Adeney Private Hospital | 8130 | 01/01/2025 |

## Supporting inclusion data collection in health services

Since July 2024 health services have been required to report data to the department on patient sex assigned at birth and gender. This improvement aligns with health service Statement of Priority accountabilities to improve equitable access for priority communities, including LGBTIQA+ communities.

Over time the data collected will help build a better evidence base on health needs and outcomes for LGBTIQA+ people.

The department has engaged Transcend Australia and Transgender Victoria to consult and support trans and gender diverse community and health services in the implementation of these changes.

[Transcend Australia](https://transcend.org.au/) support Australian families and their trans, gender diverse and non-binary children and young people. [Transgender Victoria](https://www.tgv.org.au/) is Victoria’s leading body for transgender, gender diverse and non-binary people.

If your health service would like support developing or reviewing related policies, referrals, education, or resources, please contact Transcend Australia at [vic.harden@transcend.org.au](mailto:vic.harden@transcend.org.au) or Transgender Victoria at [ceo@tgv.org.au](mailto:ceo@tgv.org.au).

Further information can be found in the department’s [Guidance note: Inclusive collection and reporting of sex and gender data.](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/publications/inclusive-collection-and-reporting-of-sex-and-gender-data)

# Agency Information Management System (AIMS)

## Changes to requirement for VINAH MDS reporting sites to complete AIMS S10, S11, S11A and S12 forms

The following changes will apply to health services submitting patient level non-admitted data to the Victorian Integrated Non-Admitted Health Minimum Data Set (VINAH MDS) and/or the Non-admitted Data Collection (NADC) effective for 2025-26 reporting.

Due to the national requirement to use patient level data to calculate health service activity against NWAU (refer [Policy and Funding Guidelines](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/policy-and-funding-guidelines-for-health-services) 2024-25 funding rules, Section 10):

* the AIMS S10, S11, S11A and/or S12 forms will not be available for 2025-26 data as they are no longer required to be completed (see [HDSS Bulletin](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/data-reporting/health-data-standards-and-systems-communications) 10 December 2024 and 25 February 2025)
* the AIMS vs VINAH report will not be available for 2025-26 data (prior years will continue to be available)
  + if you use this report to reconcile your VINAH MDS data, you should now put processes in place to reconcile with your internal system data.

Health services are to continue to maintain registration of acute non-admitted clinics in the Non-Admitted Clinic Management System (NACMS) as per the [NAMCS manual](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/publications/non-admitted-clinic-management-system-nacms-manual) available at <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/publications/non-admitted-clinic-management-system-nacms-manual> to report non-admitted activity data to the VINAH MDS and/or NADC. The NACMS clinic ID reported in the VINAH MDS/NADC is used to determine the Tier 2 class (and NWAU).

A process will be implemented to enable reporting of aggregate non-admitted activity data by program if health services cannot report complete patient level data by the due date via the VINAH MDS/NADC. More information will be provided in the coming months.

**Important note: health services that do not submit data to the VINAH MDS and/or NADC are required to continue completing the AIMS S10, S11, S11A and/or S12 forms.**

# Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)

## VAED data submissions for 2024-25 and 2025-26

The **VAED (PRS2) data file submissions will be suspended from** **Monday 14 July 2025 for two weeks** to update the database and application for 2025-26 VAED reporting. Testing will be completed by Friday 25 July when PRS2 submission processing will resume.

During the suspension, uploaded files will be securely held and processed in order once processing resumes.

After 25 July, sites can submit VAED data for the 2025-26 financial year with July 2025 header dates.

Data for the 2024-25 financial year cannot be included in 2025-26 files. Any such data will be rejected.

Sites must complete all VAED reporting for 2024-25, including updates and corrections, before starting 2025-26 reporting. VAED reporting for 2024-25 must be finalized by 24 August 2025; after this date, no further submissions for that year will be accepted.

## Amendment to R635 Rejection

VAED (PRS2) validation R635 has now been amended to allow patients aged 45 years and over at admission to report Funding Arrangement (8) NBCSP:

**R635** NBCSP but age < 45 years

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| Effect | REJECTION |
| Problem | The episode record has Funding Arrangement 8 indicating that the patient is participating in the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program, but Age at Admission is less than 45 years. |
| Remedy | Only patients over 45 years of age are invited to participate in the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program. Either the Date of Birth is incorrect, or the patient should not be reported using Funding Arrangement 8. |

# Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)

## VEMD Editor – unsupported from 2026-27

Reminder that as per HDSS Bulletin 282 -25 February 2025, the VEMD Editor will no longer be updated or supported after the end of the 2025-26 financial year.

The VEMD Editor operates on an unsupported platform and is incompatible with other applications. Health services should note that VEMD files can be uploaded directly into MFT and use the Edit reports generated and available in the pickup folder.

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

## VINAH 20 available in the test environment

The 2025-26 annual changes have now been implemented into the **VINAH Test** context tab on the HealthCollect Portal at [Healthcollect Portal](https://www.healthcollect.vic.gov.au/) <https://www.healthcollect.vic.gov.au>.

VINAH 20 submissions will now be accepted in the test environment.

For testing purposes, the dates are as follows:

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| Start date for VINAH version 20 | 1 January 2025 |
| Start date for new data elements and additions to codesets | 1 January 2025 |
| End date for ceased codes | 31 December 2024 |

Please note this will not affect VINAH19 test submissions

## Service Event Derivation rules update

The service event derivation rules for 2024-25 have been updated to include contacts where the patient/client is not present.

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| For Acute and Subacute contacts to be included in service events, they must comply with the following:  1. The contact must be Direct  Contact Session Type NOT EQUAL TO ‘3 - Indirect contact’  2. The patient or their carer/relative must be present at the contact  Contact Client Present Status IS EQUAL TO ‘10’, ‘11’, ‘12’, ‘13’ or \*'20'  \* '20' excludes program/stream RIR - '1201'  3. The contact must be delivered in person, via telephone, via teleconferencing, or via written means  Contact Delivery Mode IS NOT EQUAL TO ‘9 - Not applicable’  4. The patient cannot be an inpatient at any health service at the time the non-admitted service was  delivered  Contact Inpatient Flag EQUAL TO ‘O’  5. The contact cannot occur in the Emergency Department / Urgent Care Centre  Contact Delivery Setting NOT EQUAL TO '13 - Hospital Setting – Emergency Department'  or '18 - Urgent Care Centre'  6. The contact must not occur in a TCP supported accommodation setting  Contact Delivery Setting NOT EQUAL TO '241' OR '242' |

The [Victorian Mapping for NWAU 2024-25](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/data-reporting/national-funding-model-implementation-resources) document on the HDSS website contains the service event derivation rules – an updated version will be published shortly.

## Uploading files to HealthCollect - video

A short video has been created to assist new staff with how to log in to the HealthCollect portal and manually submit a VINAH MDS file. This process is also outlined in section 5d ‘HealthCollect portal manual submission process’ of the VINAH MDS manual. The video can be found on the HDSS communications, video tutorials [Health data standards and systems communications](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/data-reporting/health-data-standards-and-systems-communications) <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/data-reporting/health-data-standards-and-systems-communications>.

Contacts

The Data Collections unit manages several Victorian health data collections including:

* 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 is produced at intervals 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

**Website**

[HDSS website](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/data-reporting/health-data-standards-and-systems) <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/data-reporting/health-data-standards-and-systems>

**HDSS help desk**

Enquiries regarding data collections and requests for standard reconciliation reports email

[HDSS help desk](mailto:HDSS.Helpdesk@health.vic.gov.au) <HDSS.helpdesk@health.vic.gov.au>

**Other Victorian health data requests**

[VAHI Data Request Hub](https://vahi.freshdesk.com/support/home) < https://vahi.freshdesk.com/support/home>

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