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Coding and casemix classifications

197.1 ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS edition for 1 July 2015

All separations on or after 1 July 2015 must be coded using:

- ICD-10-AM/ACHI Ninth Edition (and relevant errata) in accordance with the Ninth Edition Australian Coding Standards
- Victorian Additions to the Australian Coding Standards effective 1 July 2015
- <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/healthclassifications/vic-additions-acs.htm>
- Relevant information published on the HDSS Health classifications website at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/healthclassifications/admitted-healthclassifications.htm>
- Information contained in the VICC queries database at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/healthclassifications/icd-queries.htm>
- National classification advice <https://www.accd.net.au/>

This requirement applies to all Victorian public and private hospitals and registered day procedure centres reporting data to the VAED.

Queries regarding the application of codes and standards can be sent to the Victorian ICD Coding Committee. The query form used in this process is available at: <http://forms.health.vic.gov.au/TakeSurveycss.asp?SurveyID=33J4845238821>

197.2 ICD-10-AM/ACHI Library file 2015-16

The ICD-10-AM/ACHI Library file contains all ICD-10-AM [diagnosis] and ACHI [procedure] codes, along with the age, sex and other edits (validations) applicable to each code, and backward mapping to previous editions of ICD-10-AM/ACHI.

The 2015-16 ICD-10-AM/ACHI Library file has been updated with Ninth edition codes.

The Library file is available to Victorian hospitals and software suppliers working with Victorian hospitals for the purpose of submitting data to the Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED). It is available by application to the HDSS Help Desk at HDSS.HelpDesk@dhhs.vic.gov.au

All other interested parties not authorised to access the Library file should refer to the AR-DRG classification system sales page of the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) website at:

<http://www.ihpa.gov.au/internet/ihpa/publishing.nsf/Content/materials-products-purchase-lp>

197.3 National classification advice

The Australian Consortium for Classification Development (ACCD) publishes coding advice in the ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Coding Rules on a quarterly basis.

The Coding Rules can be accessed on the ACCD website via the Classification Information Portal (CLIP) at: <https://www.accd.net.au/Clip/>

Advice published here must be followed for coding in Victoria and will be referenced during admitted patient data audits.

197.4 Acute admitted services funding for 2015-16

Separations on or after 1 July 2015 will be grouped in PRS/2 using AR-DRG Version 7.0.

The Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Groups Version 7.0 Definitions Manual is available for purchase from the IHPA. Refer to the AR-DRG classification system sales page on the IHPA website at: <http://www.ihsa.gov.au/internet/ihsa/publishing.nsf/Content/materials-products-purchase-lp>

2015–16 acute admitted episodes will be funded under the Victorian WIES model.

The Victorian health policy and funding guidelines 2015-16 provides further details about the funding model for Victorian public hospitals, including the Victorian cost weights for 2015-16. The 2015-16 guidelines will shortly be available at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pfg/>

197.5 Notification of grouper anomalies

The ACCD has a public submission process for notification of grouper anomalies and proposed modifications to AR-DRGs. Details can be found at: <https://www.accd.net.au/Submissions.aspx?page=3>

Anomalies identified in AR-DRG version 7.0 should also be notified to the Victorian ICD Coding Committee, as the State can, in many instances, influence a faster resolution of problems or make local adjustments to grouper software as required.

Queries can be submitted to VICC via the online query form available at: <http://forms.health.vic.gov.au/TakeSurveycss.asp?SurveyID=33J4845238821>

197.6 Calendar of grouper versions and coding editions

The latest calendar of grouper versions and coding editions is available at:

<http://docs.health.vic.gov.au/docs/doc/Calendar-of-ICD-Coding-and-DRG-Grouping-Systems-used-in-Victoria>

This calendar provides information regarding the release dates and implementation dates for the classifications in use in Victoria.

Victorian amendments to classifications

197.7 Victorian additions to the Australian Coding Standards for 2015-16

The 2015-16 Victorian additions to the Australian Coding Standards must be used in conjunction with the Australian Coding Standards for the Ninth Edition of ICD-10-AM/ACHI.

The following changes have been made to the document from last year:

- Vic 0048 Condition onset flag:
 - Example 7 has been deleted as the instructional note to 'use additional code to identify presence of hypertension' at Ischaemic Heart Diseases (I20-I25) has been removed
 - A dot point has been added under the heading of A – Associated condition for prefixing of supplementary codes for chronic conditions (U78 – U88)
 - Inclusion of circumstances in which Z39.0- can be prefixed with a C Complicating condition
- Vic 2104 Rehabilitation:
 - Removal of third paragraph to align with ACS 2104 Rehabilitation

The Victorian Additions to the Australian Coding Standards for 2015–16 can be found at:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/healthclassifications/vic-additions-acs.htm>

197.8 Victorian modifications to the AR-DRGs for 2015-16

For 2015-16 Ninth edition codes will be mapped back to Eighth edition codes and then grouped to AR-DRG version 7.0 (AR-DRG7.0).

Two adjustments will be made to the original AR-DRG 7.0 grouping, utilising the VIC-DRG 7.0 field prior to the calculation of WIES22.

Radiotherapy

Australian Coding Standard (ACS) 0229 Radiotherapy instructs coders to assign a code for the malignancy as the principal diagnosis in multi-day episodes for radiotherapy. This results in episodes grouping to a wide range of AR-DRG 7.0s. To maintain funding equity, a VIC-DRG7.0 of

R64Z Radiotherapy will be assigned for:

- non same day non-surgical episodes that include a radiation oncology procedure from ACHI blocks [1786] to [1792], [1794] or [1795] for treatment of a neoplastic condition (i.e. at least one code from the ICD-10-AM range C00-D48), except for episodes with the following adjacent DRG 7.0s: B61; and pre-MDC adjacent DRG 7.0s: A40, B60, B82, S65, W60, and W61;
And for
- same day episodes initially grouped to AR-DRG 7.0 R62B Other neoplastic disorders W/O CC that have an ICD-10-AM 8th edition principal diagnosis code of Z51.0 (Radiotherapy session).

Mental and behavioural disorders due to use of tobacco, dependence syndrome

In AR-DRG7.0 the ICD-10-AM diagnosis code F17.2 Mental and behavioural disorders due to use of tobacco, dependence syndrome has a clinical complexity level (CCL) of 2 for surgical DRGs and either 1 or 2 for medical DRGs.

To maintain funding equity and consistency, the department has determined an AR-DRG7.0 modification where the diagnosis code F17.2, when not coded as the principal diagnosis, will be ignored for the purpose of grouping to Vic-DRG7.0.

Data quality tools

197.9 Victorian hospital admission policy information

The 2015-16 Victorian hospital admission policy, related Fact sheet and Procedure code lists have been published on the HDSS website at <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vaed/index.htm>

Only episodes meeting a Criterion for Admission, as set out in this policy, may be reported to the VAED. This applies to VAED reporting for all Victorian public and private hospitals and registered day procedure centres.

For any queries relating to the Victorian hospital admission policy, please contact the HDSS Help Desk on HDSS.Helpdesk@dhhs.vic.gov.au

197.10 Performance Indicators for Coding Quality (PICQ™)

The Department of Health & Human Services has an enterprise licence with Pavilion Health to provide PICQ™ statewide benchmarking information to both public and private hospitals. However, the licence agreement only allows the department to make individual hospital PICQ™ results available to public health services.

Statewide PICQ™ data for all public and private facilities is available at:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/dataquality/picq-statewide-results.htm>

VAED reporting for 2015–16

197.11 VAED submission timelines for 2015-16

Data may be submitted to the VAED as frequently as desired, but at least one submission file must be submitted for each calendar month. For all public and private hospitals, data must be submitted in time to meet the minimum requirements as set out on page 11 of VAED manual, 25th edition, July 2015 Section 1 – Introduction. The VAED manual 25th edition is available at:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/vaed/vaed-manual.htm>

197.12 Changes to VAED for 2015-16

Details of changes to the VAED for 2015-16 are available in the *Final specifications for revisions to the Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED) for 1 July 2015* at:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hdss/annualchanges/proposals-specifications.htm>

Contact details

The System Intelligence and Analytics branch of the Strategy and Analytics division manages several Victorian health data collections including:

- Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)
 - Includes 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)
- F1 data collections (technical support)

The HDSS Bulletin is produced at intervals to provide:

- answers to common questions recently directed to the HDSS and HealthCollect 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

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