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Coding and Classification edition: Victorian public and private hospitals and registered day procedure centres
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Coding and casemix classifications

204.1 ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS edition for 1 July 2016

All separations occurring on or after 1 July 2016 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 2016-17
  https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-services/data-reporting/health-data-standards-systems/health-classifications/vic-additions-acs

- Relevant information published on the HDSS website, Health classifications section
  https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-services/data-reporting/health-data-standards-systems/health-classifications

- Information contained in the VICC queries database
  https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-services/data-reporting/health-data-standards-systems/health-classifications/icd-coding-queries-database

- 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 Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED).

Queries regarding the application of codes and standards are submitted to the Victorian ICD Coding Committee via the online query submission form at http://forms.health.vic.gov.au/TakeSurveycss.asp?SurveyID=33J4845238821

204.2 ICD-10-AM/ACHI Library file 2016-17

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 logical one-to-one backward mapping to previous editions of ICD-10-AM/ACHI.

The following updates have been made to the 2016-17 ICD-10-AM/ACHI Library file:

- Edits related to Prefix A have been removed as this prefix has been removed from 1 July 2016

- The 1st high age for selected diagnoses and procedures related to obstetric conditions has been raised to 65 in line with advancing maternal age

- The Sex edit on selected codes related to breast conditions and procedures has been removed in recognition that these conditions and procedures can apply equally to males as they do to females

- The OR column has been updated in accordance with AR-DRG Version 8

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). Requests can be made via the HDSS Helpdesk 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:

https://www.ihpa.gov.au/what-we-do/classification-licensing-and-sales

204.3 National ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 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/

The ACCD also has an ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS public submission process to provide users of the classification an avenue to suggest updates to ICD-10-AM, ACHI and ACS. More information of the ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS public submission process is available at:

https://www.accd.net.au/Submissions.aspx?page=2

204.4 Acute admitted services funding for 2016-17

Separations occurring on or after 1 July 2016 will be grouped in PRS/2 using AR-DRG Version 8.0.

The Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Groups Version 8.0 Definitions Manual is available for purchase from the IHPA. Refer to the AR-DRG classification system sales page on the IHPA website at:

https://www.ihpa.gov.au/what-we-do/classification-licensing-and-sales

AR-DRG Version 8.0 sees a complete revision of the case complexity methodology with the AR-DRG classification.

An educational tutorial on AR-DRG Version 8.0 has been developed by the ACCD and is available at:

https://www.accd.net.au/Education/ARDRG.aspx

ACCD has also provided a DCL/ECCS calculator to provide information about the effect of diagnosis codes on the AR-DRGs splits. The calculator is available at:

https://www.accd.net.au/ArDrg.aspx?page=3

2016–17 acute admitted episodes will be funded under the Victorian WIES model.

The Victorian health policy and funding guidelines 2016-17 provides further details about the funding model for Victorian public hospitals, including the Victorian cost weights for 2016-17. The 2016-17 guidelines when published will be available at:

http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pfg/

204.5 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 8.0 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

204.6 Calendar of grouper versions and coding editions

The calendar of grouper versions and coding editions updated for 2016-17 is available at:

https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-services/data-reporting/health-data-standards-systems/health-classifications/admitted-care-classifications

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

Victorian amendments to the classifications

204.7 Victorian additions to the Australian Coding Standards

The 2016-17 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*: Prefix A has been removed to enable Victorian prefixes to be more accurately aligned with the national Condition Onset Flag (COF).

Vic 2104 *Rehabilitation*: Vic 2104 *Rehabilitation* has been removed because it is redundant as all the information in this Vic Addition is provided in ACS 2104 Rehabilitation.

204.8 Victorian modifications to the AR-DRGs

In 2016–17 hospitals will assign diagnosis and procedure codes using the ninth edition of the ICD-10-AM / ACHI classifications. For funding purposes, these codes will be grouped to AR-DRG version 8.0 (AR-DRG8.0) with no mapping required.

As in previous years, some adjustments will be made to the original AR-DRG8.0 grouping utilising the VIC-DRG8.0 field prior to the calculation of WIES23. The VIC-DRG7.0 for Radiotherapy under WIES22 will be included as a VIC-DRG8.0 under WIES23.

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 8.0s.

To maintain funding equity, a VIC-DRG8.0 of R64Z Radiotherapy will be assigned for:

i.   (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 (at least one code from the ICD-10-AM range C00-D48), except for episodes with the following adjacent AR-DRG8.0s: B61; and pre-MDC adjacent AR-DRG8.0s: A40, B60, B82, S65, W60, and W61;

And for

ii.   same-day episodes initially grouped to the adjacent AR-DRG8.0 R62 Other Neoplastic Disorders that have an ICD-10-AM ninth edition principal diagnosis code of Z51.0 (Radiotherapy session).

Data quality tools

204.9 2016-17 VAED criteria for reporting

The 2016-17 VAED criteria for reporting (formerly named the Victorian hospital admission policy) is available on the HDSS website at:

https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/publications/policiesandguidelines/vaed-criteria-for-reporting

In addition to the name change there has been some re-sequencing of information and the fact sheets have been fully incorporated into the document as Appendix One

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

The following changes are in place for 1 July 2016:

- Transfer of the following Ninth edition codes from the NAQAL to the AAPL

    o   36851-00 Endoscopic administration of agent into bladder wall

    o   36561-00 Closed biopsy of kidney

- Further clarification of Criterion for Admission E, Day only extended medical care

- Expansion of the notes at Criterion for Admission N Qualified Newborn to align with the VAED business rules (see VAED Manual, Section 3, Qualification Status)

204.10 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 and monthly numerator to public hospitals.

Statewide PICQ™ data for all public and private facilities is available on the HDSS website at:

https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-services/data-reporting/health-data-standards-systems/data-quality

Contact details

The Data Collections unit 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 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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	https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-services/data-reporting/health-data-standards-systems
HDSS help desk	
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