

State of California  
Department of Industrial Relations  
DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION



**Order of the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation  
Official Medical Fee Schedule – Ambulance Fee Schedule  
Revised 2008 Public Use File to be used  
for Services Rendered on or after July 1, 2008**

Pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.1(g), the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation orders that Title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.70, pertaining to Ambulance Services in the Official Medical Fee Schedule, is adjusted to conform to a change to the Medicare payment system prescribed by the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008. The Act increased some ambulance rates for services provided on or after July 1, 2008.

Medicare Data Source and Incorporation by Reference

The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 became law on July 15, 2008. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services published its proposed final rule implementing this law on November 19, 2008, in the Federal Register at Vol. 73 FR 69937, and is entitled "*Subpart H—Fee Schedule For Ambulance Services,*" appearing as a part of the proposed final rule of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services entitled, "Medicare Program; Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2009; E-Prescribing Exemption for Computer-Generated Facsimile Transmissions; and Payment for Certain Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies," commencing at Vol. 73 FR 69725 and ending at 70238. The Administrative Director incorporates by reference this proposed final rule.

In addition, the Administrative Director also incorporates by reference the following Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) files from the CMS website:

The CY 2008 Public Use File, as revised October 1, 2008, which includes the following electronic files:

1. 2008 Ambulance Fee Schedule PUF MIPPA Update.xls
2. 10-08\_PUF 2008\_MIPPA\_Update index.pdf
3. CY 2008 fact sheet\_update.pdf

The CMS Zip Code Files:

4. ZIP5\_JAN09.xls
5. ZIP5\_JAN09
6. ZIP5lyout\_jan09
7. ZIP9\_JAN09
8. ZIP9lyout

The documents incorporated by reference are published on the website of the Division of Workers' Compensation: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm>

The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 provided that, for the period of July 1, 2008, to December 31, 2009, the base rate for some services would increase 2% for trips originating in urban areas and 3% for trips originating in rural areas, and that for the same period of time, any area that was designated as rural on December 31, 2006, shall retain the rural designation for air ambulance services.

Application of Ambulance Fee Schedule rates contained in the 2008 Public Use File revised October 1, 2008

For ambulance services on or after July 1, 2008, the rates in the CY 2008 Public Use File revised October 1, 2008, shall be used. The 2008 Public Use File revised October 1, 2008, contains the rates as revised by the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008. The CY 2008 Ambulance Fee Schedule Public Use File revised October 1, 2008, is now located on the internet at:

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AmbulanceFeeSchedule/02\\_afspuf.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AmbulanceFeeSchedule/02_afspuf.asp#TopOfPage)

That file also contains comma-delimited file versions. The CMS zip code files are now located on the internet at:

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/prospmedicarefeesvcpmtgen/01\\_overview.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/prospmedicarefeesvcpmtgen/01_overview.asp)

This Order shall be published on the website of the Division of Workers' Compensation at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: December 8, 2008

ORIGINAL ORDER SIGNED

CARRIE NEVANS

Acting Administrative Director of the  
Division of Workers' Compensation