

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  
2008 Public Use File to be used for Services Rendered on or after April 7, 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 the January 1, 2008 change to the Medicare payment system.

Medicare Data Source and Incorporation by Reference

The Medicare CY 2008 Ambulance Inflation Factor was published on November 27, 2007 in the Federal Register at Vol. 72 FR 66359, and is entitled “*C. Ambulance Inflation Factor (AIF) for CY 2008*”, appearing as a part of the final rule of The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services entitled, “Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule, and Other Part B Payment Policies for CY 2008; Revisions to the Payment Policies of Ambulance Services Under the Ambulance Fee Schedule for CY 2008; and the Amendment of the E-Prescribing Exemption for Computer Generated Facsimile Transmissions” (CMS-1385-FC), commencing at Vol. 72 FR 66221 and ending at 66578.

In addition to matter previously incorporated by reference from the above final rule, the Administrative Director also incorporates by reference the following Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) file from the CMS website:

The CY 2008 Public Use File, which includes the following electronic files:

1. 2008 Ambulance Fee Schedule PUF final.xls
2. PUF 2008 index.pdf
3. CY 2008 fact sheet.pdf
4. 508 Compliant Version of 2008 Ambulance Fee Schedule PUF final.csv

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 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services determined that the Ambulance Inflation Factor for Calendar Year 2008 is 2.7%. This figure is equal to the percentage increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers for the 12-month period ending with June 2007, as required by the Medicare statute. The December 10, 2007 Order of the Administrative Director applied the Ambulance Inflation Factor to the Ambulance Fee Schedule rates contained in the 2007 Public Use Files, for services on or after January 1, 2008. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has subsequently published the 2008 Public Use Files, which includes application of the Ambulance Inflation Factor. The final order of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services included a change in the manner by which the annual Ambulance Inflation Factor will be announced. Future announcements of the Ambulance Inflation Factor will be made by CMS instruction and published on CMS' website, rather than be adopted as rules and published in the Federal Register. CMS intends that the 2009 Ambulance Inflation Factor will be available before November, 2008.

Application of Ambulance Fee Schedule rates contained in the 2008 Public Use Files

For ambulance services on or after April 7, 2008, the rates in the 2008 Public Use File shall be used. The previously ordered Ambulance Inflation Factor for calendar year 2008 is already included within those rates. The CY 2008 Ambulance Fee Schedule Public Use File 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)

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: April 4, 2008

ORIGINAL ORDER SIGNED  
CARRIE NEVANS  
Acting Administrative Director of the  
Division of Workers' Compensation