

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 2015 Public Use File and Zip Code File to be used for Services Rendered on
or after August 1, 2015**

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 2015 change to the Medicare payment system.

Medicare Data Source and Incorporation by Reference

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) revised the Ambulance Fee Schedule in May 2015 to incorporate changes made by the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) of 2015.

Section 203 of the MACRA of 2015 extends the provision increasing Ambulance Fee Schedule amounts by 2% for services originating in urban areas and by 3% for services originating in rural areas (as defined by the ZIP Code of the point of pickup). Section 203 also extends the provision relating to payment for ground ambulance services that increased the base rate for transports originating in an area that is within the lowest 25th percentile of all rural areas arrayed by population density (known as the "super rural" bonus). These provisions will expire on December 31, 2017.

Effective for services rendered on or after August 1, 2015, the Administrative Director incorporates by reference the following Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) files from the CMS website:

The CY 2015 Public Use File, as revised May 14, 2015, which includes the following electronic files:

1. ambfspuf_2015_final updated v1.xlsx
2. PUF2015_index_final.pdf
3. Ambo-PUF-CY2015-factsheet-Final-508.pdf
4. ambfspuf_2015_final updated v1.txt

The CMS Zip Code Files as revised May 18, 2015, which includes the following electronic files:

1. ZIP5_JUL15.xlsx
2. ZIP5lyout.txt
3. ZIP9_JUL15.txt
4. ZIP9lyout.txt
5. ZIP5_JUL15.txt.

The documents incorporated by reference are available on the Internet at the website of [the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AmbulanceFeeSchedule/afspuf.html) at: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AmbulanceFeeSchedule/afspuf.html> and are published on the website of the Division of Workers' Compensation at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm>

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

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 16, 2015

ORIGINAL ORDER SIGNED

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Division of Workers' Compensation