

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
2007 Public Use File to be used for Services Rendered on or after February 1, 2007**

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, 2007 change to the Medicare payment system.

Medicare Data Source and Incorporation by Reference

The Medicare CY06 Ambulance Inflation Factor was published on December 1, 2006 in the Federal Register at Vol. 71 FR 69719, and is entitled "D. Ambulance Inflation Factor (AIF) for 2007", appearing as a part of the final rule of The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services entitled, "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies, Five-Year Review of Work Relative Value Units, Changes to the Practice Expense Methodology Under the Physician Fee Schedule, and Other Changes to Payment Under Part B; Revisions to the Payment Policies of Ambulance Services Under the Fee Schedule for Ambulance Services; and Ambulance Inflation Factor Update for CY 2007" (CMS-1321-FC and CMS-1317-F), commencing at Vol. 71 FR 69623 and ending at 70251.

The Administrative Director incorporates by reference from the above final rule:

1. The table of acronyms, beginning on page 69626
2. Section III (A) (2) Medicare Regulations for Ambulance Services, beginning on page 69712
3. Section III (B) Provisions of the Final Regulation, beginning on page 69713
4. Section III (D) Ambulance Inflation Factor (AIF) for 2007, beginning on page 69719
5. The amendments to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, part 405, Subpart H – Fee Schedule for Ambulance Services, published in the Federal Register on December 1, 2006 appearing at 71 F.R. 69787.

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

1. The CY 2007 Public Use File
2. The electronic file, MSAvCBSA
3. The electronic file, ZIPLYout_1
4. The electronic file, ZPLC0107V2
5. The electronic file, ZPLC0107V2

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 2007 is 4.3%. 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 2006, as required by the Medicare statute. The December 6, 2006 Order of the Administrative Director applied the Ambulance Inflation Factor to the Ambulance Fee Schedule rates contained in the 2006 Public Use Files, for services on or after January 1, 2007. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has subsequently published the 2007 Public Use Files, which include application of the Ambulance Inflation Factor, as well as changes based on rural or urban characterization, caused by the adoption of new geographic standards for the Ambulance Fee Schedule in the December 1, 2006, final rule.

Application of Ambulance Fee Schedule rates contained in the 2007 Public Use Files

For ambulance services on or after February 1, 2007, the rates and characterization of zipcodes being rural or urban contained in the 2007 Public Use File and CMS' zipcode files shall be used. The Ambulance Inflation Factor for calendar year 2007 is already included within those rates. The CY 2007 Ambulance Fee Schedule Public Use File is now located on the internet at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AmbulanceFeeSchedule/02_afspuf.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: February 1, 2007

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