

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  
Inflation Factor Effective for Services Rendered on or after January 1, 2006**

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, 2006 change to the Medicare payment system.

Medicare Data Source and Incorporation by Reference

The Medicare CY06 Ambulance Inflation Factor was published on November 25, 2005 in the Federal Register (Vol. 70 FR 71163 ) and is entitled "Medicare Program; Coverage and Payment of Ambulance Services; Inflation Update for CY 2006" (CMS-1294-N).

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

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services electronic file "Jan20052-17-05," located within the CY 2005 Ambulance Fee Schedule Public Use File, denoted "afs05puf\_r," published February 18, 2005, is incorporated by reference. The document is available on the Internet at the website of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/ambulance.asp> It shall be 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 2006 is 2.5%. 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 2005, as required by the Medicare statute.

Application of Ambulance Inflation Factor to OMFS

The Ambulance Inflation Factor is to be applied to fees for services rendered on or after January 1, 2006, by multiplying the ambulance service fees in the CY 2005 Ambulance Fee Schedule Public Use File, by 1.025.

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: December 21, 2005

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