

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, 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.

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

1. The table of acronyms, beginning on page 66224
2. Section III Revisions to the Payment Policies of Ambulance Services Under the Fee Schedule for Ambulance Services, beginning on page 63359
3. Section III (C) Ambulance Inflation Factor (AIF) for CY 2008, beginning on page 66359
4. 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 November 27, 2007 appearing at 72 F.R. 66402

These portions of the final rule are published on the website of the Division of Workers' Compensation at: <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.

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, 2008, by multiplying the ambulance service fees in the CY 2007 Ambulance Fee Schedule Public Use File by 1.027. The CY 2007 Ambulance Fee Schedule Public Use File is 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: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm>

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 10, 2007

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