

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, 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 rule 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.

The cited part of the rule 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 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.

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, 2007, by multiplying the ambulance service fees in the CY 2006 Ambulance Fee Schedule Public Use File, by 1.043. The CY 2006 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 6, 2006

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