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Adjustments to the outpatient hospital and ambulatory surgical center services section of the Official Medical Fee Schedule to conform to changes in Medicare payment system are posted on the DWC Web site

The Division of Workers' Compensation has posted an adjustment to the outpatient hospital departments and ambulatory surgical centers section of the Official Medical Fee Schedule (OMFS) to conform to changes in the Medicare payment system as required by Labor Code section 5307.1. The effective date of the changes is Apr. 1, 2007.

Title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.35 is adjusted to conform to the CMS notice of Mar. 23, 2007, published in the Federal Register, Vol. 72, No. 56, FR 13799, entitled, "Medicare Program; Extension of Certain Hospital Wage Index Reclassifications" (CMS-1384-N; effective date: Apr. 1, 2007), which extends the expiration date from Mar. 31, 2007 to Sep. 30, 2007, for certain geographic reclassifications. These geographic classifications affect hospitals' wage indices.

The adjustments can be found at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm>.

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