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DWC Posts Additional Adjustments to Official Medical Fee Schedule (Physician Services / Non-Physician Practitioner Services)

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has posted an order adjusting the Physician Services/Non-Physician Practitioner Services section of the Official Medical Fee Schedule (OMFS) to conform to relevant 2016 changes in the Medicare payment system as required by Labor Code section 5307.1.

This is the second Administrative Director order for the Physician and Non-Physician Practitioner Fee Schedule 2016 update. At the time the initial Administrative Director order for 2016 was issued on November 30, 2015, the Medicare National Correct Coding Initiative Edits (Practitioner PTP Edits and the Medically Unlikely Edits) were not available.

The Administrative Director order issued December 16, 2015 adopts the following additional changes to conform to Medicare's 2016 update.

- National Correct Coding Initiative Practitioner Procedure to Procedure Code Edits for 2016
- National Correct Coding Initiative Medically Unlikely Edits for 2016
- Place of Service Code revisions for hospital outpatient departments (adoption of new POS code 19 Off Campus-Outpatient Hospital, restriction of current POS Code 22 Outpatient Hospital to pre-2016 dates of service, adoption of revised POS Code 22 On Campus-Outpatient Hospital)

The revisions are set forth in sections 9789.12.2 subdivision (d)(2) and 9789.19 subdivision (c) of Title 8 California Code of Regulations. The regulation text is formatted to show the changes made by the November 30, 2015 order in underline text and the changes made by the December 16, 2015 order in double underline text.

The administrative director update orders adopting the OMFS adjustments effective for services rendered on or after January 1, 2016, can be found on the [DWC](#) website.

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