

## N E W S L I N E

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### **DWC Posts Adjustment to Official Medical Fee Schedule (Ambulance Fees Section)**

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) administrative director has adopted an order incorporating the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) revised ambulance fee schedule rates and ZIP code files for services rendered on or after August 1, 2015. This order adjusting the ambulance services section of the Official Medical Fee Schedule (OMFS) conforms to changes in the Medicare payment system as required by Labor Code section 5307.1.

CMS revised the Ambulance Fee Schedule in May 2015 to incorporate changes made by the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) of 2015.

Section 203 of the MACRA of 2015 extends the provision increasing Ambulance Fee Schedule amounts by 2 percent for services originating in urban areas and by 3 percent for services originating in rural areas. Section 203 also extends the provision relating to payment for ground ambulance services that increased the base rate for transports originating in an area that is within the lowest 25th percentile of all rural areas arrayed by population density (known as the "super rural" bonus). These provisions will expire on December 31, 2017.

The Ambulance Fee Schedule may be accessed on the DWC [website](#).

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