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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, ZIP code files and inflation factor for services rendered on or after January 15, 2016. 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.

Effective for services rendered on or after January 15, 2016, the maximum reasonable fees for Ambulance Fee Schedule shall not exceed 120% of the applicable California fees set forth in the calendar year 2016 ambulance services, contained in the electronic Public Use file.

The Administrative Director incorporates by reference the following CMS files from the CMS website:

- The CY 2016 Public Use File, as revised December 22, 2015
- The CMS Zip Code Files as revised November 17, 2015

The adjustment incorporates the 2016 ambulance inflation factor which has been announced by CMS. The ambulance inflation factor for calendar year 2016 is negative 0.40 percent (-0.40%).

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

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