

## N E W S L I N E

Newsline No.: 2017-06

Date: January 25, 2017

### **DWC Posts 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 2017 changes in the Medicare payment system as required by Labor Code section 5307.1.

The Physician and Non-Physician Practitioner Fee Schedule based on the federal Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) was adopted pursuant to the requirements of Senate Bill 863 (SB 863) and became effective for services rendered on or after January 1, 2014. As mandated by SB 863, the fee schedule started with separate conversion factors for surgery, radiology, and "all other services" in 2014 and transitions to a single conversion factor (CF) in 2017, for all services except anesthesia, which has its own CF. The 2017 CFs were adjusted for the cumulative change in the Medicare Economic Index and the relative value scale adjustment factors.

The acting administrative director update order adopting the OMFS adjustments effective for services rendered on or after March 1, 2017, can be found at the [DWC OMFS page](#). An explanation of changes is attached to the order.

###



The [California Department of Industrial Relations](#), established in 1927, protects and improves the health, safety, and economic well-being of over 18 million wage earners, and helps their employers comply with state labor laws. DIR is housed within the [Labor & Workforce Development Agency](#). Non-media inquiries can contact DIR's Communications Call Center at 1-844-LABOR-DIR (1-844-522-6734) for help in locating the appropriate [division or program](#) in our department.