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Division of Workers' Compensation Adopts OMFS Amendments to Implement Local Geographic Adjustment Factors

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has adopted amendments to the Official Medical Fee Schedule (OMFS) for Physician and Non-Physician Practitioner Services (California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 9789.12.1 through 9789.19.1) to replace the average statewide geographic adjustment factor with local geographic adjustment factors as of January 1.

The locality-specific geographic adjustment factors, known as the Geographic Practice Cost Index (GPCI), was implemented by Medicare in January 2017 as part of its Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) program. Adoption of the Medicare MSA-based locality GPCIs will improve payment allowance accuracy by reflecting the resources required to provide a service according to specific regions. The amendments also make minor clarifying revisions to the regulations.

DWC submitted a request to the California Office of Administrative Law to file the amended regulations with the Secretary of State and have them published in the California Code of Regulations. The regulations can be found on the [DWC](#) website.

Further information and adjustments to the Physician section of the OMFS can be found on the DWC's [OMFS](#) web page.

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