

State of California
Department of Industrial Relations
DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION



**Order of the Administrative Director of the
Division of Workers' Compensation
Official Medical Fee Schedule – Ambulance Fee Schedule
Effective for Services Rendered on or after January 1, 2018**

Pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.1(g), the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation orders that Title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.70, pertaining to Ambulance Services in the Official Medical Fee Schedule, is adjusted to conform to the 2018 changes to the Medicare payment system.

Medicare Data Source and Incorporation by Reference

Effective for services rendered on or after January 1, 2018, the maximum reasonable fees for ambulance services shall not exceed 120% of the applicable California fees (Carrier 01112 for Northern California and Carrier 01182 for Southern California) set forth in the calendar year 2018 Medicare Ambulance Fee Schedule (AFS) File.

The Administrative Director incorporates by reference the following Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) files from the CMS website:

The CY 2018 Ambulance Fee Schedule (AFS) File (CY 2018 File – Updated 12/07/2017 [ZIP, 58KB]), which includes the following electronic files:

2018-AFS-PUF

1. afs2018__puf.xls

2. afs2018__puf.txt

The CMS description of the Data Elements of the AFS Data file is attached to this Order, excluding references to air ambulance pursuant 8CCR 9789.70(b).

The Zip Code to Carrier Locality File - Revised 11/15/2017 [ZIP, 4MB], which includes the following electronic files:

Zip-Code-to-Carrier-Locality

1. ZIP5_JAN18.txt
2. ZIP5_JAN18.xlsx
3. ZIP5lyout.txt
4. ZIP9_JAN18.txt
5. ZIP9lyout.txt

The Zip Codes requiring +4 extension - Revised 11/15/2017 [ZIP, 1KB], which includes the following electronic file:

ZIP5-requiring-4ext

- o ZIP5_requiring +4ext_dec17_jan18.txt

The Changes to Zip Code File - Revised 11/15/2017 [ZIP, 433B], which includes the following electronic file:

ZIP5-CHANGES

- o ZIP5_CHANGES_DEC17_JAN18.txt

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the CY 2018 Ambulance Inflation Factor (AIF) in CMS Manual System Transmittal No. 3893, Change Request 10323 to Pub. 100-04.

CMS Manual System Transmittal No. 3893 is published on the CMS website:

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2017-Transmittals-Items/R3893CP.html>

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has determined that the AIF for Calendar Year 2018 is 1.1 percent (1.1%). This figure results from the subtraction of the 10-year moving average of changes in annual economy-wide private non-farm business Multi-Factor Productivity (MFP) from the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U).

For services provided on or after January 1, 2018, the AIF is included in the ambulance service fees in the CY 2018 - Ambulance Fee Schedule (AFS) File.

The documents incorporated by reference are available on the Internet at the website of [the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AmbulanceFeeSchedule/index.html) at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AmbulanceFeeSchedule/index.html> and are published on the website of the Division of Workers' Compensation at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm>

This Order shall be published on the website of the Division of Workers' Compensation:

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm>

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 12, 2017

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY _____
GEORGE P. PARISOTTO
Administrative Director of the
Division of Workers' Compensation