

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



**Order of the Acting Administrative Director of the
Division of Workers' Compensation
Official Medical Fee Schedule – Ambulance Fee Schedule
Effective for Services Rendered on or after March 1, 2017**

Pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.1(g), the Acting 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 2017 changes to the Medicare payment system.

Medicare Data Source and Incorporation by Reference

Effective for services rendered on or after March 1, 2017, 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 2017 Medicare Ambulance Fee Schedule (AFS) File.

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

The CY 2017 Ambulance Fee Schedule (AFS) File (CY-2017-File) – Updated 12/12/2016 [ZIP, 71KB], which includes the following electronic files:

1. afs2017-puf.xls
2. afs2017-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 (Zip-Code-to-Carrier-Locality zip file) - Updated 11/17/2016 [ZIP, 4MB], which includes the following electronic files:

1. ZIP5_JAN17.txt
2. ZIP5_JAN17.xlsx

3. ZIP5lyout.txt
4. ZIP9_JAN17.txt
5. ZIP9lyout.txt

The Zip Codes requiring +4 extension (ZIP5-requiring-4ext) - Updated 11/16/2016 [ZIP, 2KB], which includes the following electronic files:

1. ZIP5_CHANGES_DEC16_JAN17.txt
2. ZIP5_requiring +4ext_dec16_jan17.txt

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the CY 2017 Ambulance Inflation Factor (AIF) in CMS Manual System Transmittal No. 3625, Change Request 9811 to Pub. 100-04.

CMS Manual System Transmittal No. 3625 is published on the CMS website:

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2016-Transmittals-Items/R3625CP.html>

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has determined that the AIF for Calendar Year 2017 is 0.70 percent (0.70%). 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 March 1, 2017, the AIF is included in the ambulance service fees in the CY 2017-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: February 2, 2017

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