

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 - Durable Medical Equipment,
Prosthetics, Orthotics, Supplies
Effective for Services Rendered on or after October 1, 2017**

Pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.1(g)(2), the Acting Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation orders that the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, Supplies portion of the Official Medical Fee Schedule contained in title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.60, is adjusted to conform to changes to the Medicare payment system that were adopted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for Quarter 4, 2017.

Medicare Data Source and Incorporation by Reference

Effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2017, the maximum reasonable fees for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, Supplies shall not exceed 120% of the applicable California fees set forth in the Medicare calendar year 2017 "Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics/Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule" revised for October 2017, contained in the electronic file "[DME17-D \[ZIP, 2MB\]](#)" which is adopted and incorporated by reference. The fee schedule data file (DMEPOS_OCT) sets forth two columns for California labelled: "CA (NR)" [California Non-Rural] and "CA (R)" [California Rural].

For the services on or after October 1, 2017 payment shall not exceed 120% of the fee set forth for the HCPCS code in the CA (NR) column, except the fee shall not exceed 120% of the fee set forth in the CA (R) column if the injured worker's residence zip code appears on the Q 4 2017 ZIP code file "DMERuralZip_Q42017." Where column CA (NR) sets forth a fee for a code, but CA (R) for the code is listed as "0.00" the fee shall not exceed 120% of the CA (NR) fee, regardless of whether the injured worker's address zip code is rural or non-rural.

[DME17-D \[ZIP, 2MB\]](#) includes the following documents:

DMEPOS_OCT
DMERuralZip_Q42017
DMEBACK
DMEREAD

CMS has indicated that there are no fourth quarter updates to the 2017 Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition fee schedule (PEN) file from the previous quarter. Therefore, the Acting Administrative Director Order dated January 31, 2017 continues to be effective for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition fees, and the

DMEPEN_JAN_12222016 file contained in the ZIP file [DME17-A \(Updated 01/06/17\) \[ZIP, 3MB\]](#) remains effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2017. However, for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition fees for services on or after October 1, 2017, use the updated rural zip code file DMERuralZip_Q42017.

The [update](#) includes changes identified in CR 10248. The CMS Manual System, [Pub 100-4 Medicare Claims Processing, Transmittal 3859, Change Request 10248](#), September 8, 2017 sets forth the changes and is relied upon in adopting this update Order.

The fourth quarter DMEPOS fee schedule revision is available on the Internet at the website of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services at:
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/DMEPOSFeeSched/DMEPOS-Fee-Schedule.html>

This Order shall be published on the website of the Division of Workers' Compensation:
<http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/OMFS9904.htm#3>

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 26, 2017

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