§ 9789.20. General Information for Inpatient Hospital Fee Schedule -- Discharge on or After July 1, 2004

(a) This Inpatient Hospital Fee Schedule section of the Official Medical Fee Schedule covers charges made by a hospital for inpatient services provided by the hospital.

(b) Charges by a hospital for the professional component of medical services for physician services shall be paid according to Sections 9789.10 through 9789.11.

(c) Sections 9789.20 through 9789.24 shall apply to all bills for inpatient services with a date of discharge on or after July 1, 2004. Services for discharges after January 1, 2004, but before July 1, 2004 are governed by the "emergency" regulations that were effective on January 2, 2004. Bills for services with date of admission on or before December 31, 2003 will be reimbursed in accordance with Section 9792.1.

(d) The Inpatient Hospital Fee schedule shall be adjusted to conform to any relevant changes in the Medicare payment schedule, including mid-year changes no later than 60 days after the effective date of those changes. Updates shall be posted on the Division of Workers' Compensation webpage at http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/dwc.home.page.htm. The annual updates to the Inpatient Hospital Fee schedule shall be effective every year on October 1.

(e) Any document incorporated by reference in Sections 9789.20 through 9789.24 is available from the Division of Workers' Compensation Internet site (http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/dwc.home.page.htm) or upon request to the Administrative Director at:

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