

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



**Order of the Acting Administrative Director of the  
Division of Workers' Compensation  
(OMFS Update for Physician Services and Non-Physician Practitioner Services -  
Effective March 1, 2017)**

Pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.1(g)(1),(2), the Acting Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation orders that Title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.17.3 is added, and sections 9789.12.2, 9789.17.1, 9789.18.12, and 9789.19, pertaining to the Physician and Non-Physician Practitioner Services Fee Schedule portion of the Official Medical Fee Schedule are adjusted to conform to relevant changes in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule final rule, published in the Federal Register (Vol. 81 FR 80170), November 15, 2016 titled, "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2017; Medicare Advantage Bid Pricing Data Release; Medicare Advantage and Part D Medical Loss Ratio Data Release; Medicare Advantage Provider Network Requirements; Expansion of Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program Model; Medicare Shared Savings Program Requirements" (CMS-1654-F) and correction notice, published in the Federal Register (Vol. 81 FR 95890), December 29, 2016 titled, "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2017; Medicare Advantage Bid Pricing Data Release; Medicare Advantage and Part D Medical Loss Ratio Data Release; Medicare Advantage Provider Network Requirements; Expansion of Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program Model; Medicare Shared Savings Program Requirements; Corrections" (CMS-1654-CN3). The changes made by this order are effective for services rendered on or after March 1, 2017.

**This Order amends section 9789.12.2** to conform to relevant changes contained in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS') CY 2017 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule final rule, pertaining to the creation of a new place of service code for telehealth.

**This Order amends section 9789.17.1** to conform to relevant changes contained in the CMS' CY 2017 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule final rule, pertaining to radiology diagnostic imaging Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction.

**This Order adds section 9789.17.3** to conform to relevant changes contained in the CMS' CY 2017 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule final rule, pertaining to X-ray imaging services that are taken using film.

**This Order amends section 9789.18.12** to conform to relevant changes contained in the CMS' CY 2017 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule final rule, pertaining to moderate sedation services.

**This Order amends section 9789.19** to add a new subdivision (d) to the “Update Table” to adopt relevant changes contained in the CMS’ CY 2017 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule final rule and correction notice.

An explanation of the changes is attached to this Order. The effective date of the new rates is for physician services and non-physician practitioner services rendered on or after March 1, 2017. This Order and the explanation of the changes, the regulations, Medi-Cal Rates file, Medically Unlikely Edits file, and the National Correct Coding Initiative Policy Manual shall be published on the website of the [Division of Workers’ Compensation](http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm): *http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm*

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: January 19, 2017

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
GEORGE P. PARISOTTO  
Acting Administrative Director of the  
Division of Workers’ Compensation