Pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.1(g)(2), the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers’ Compensation orders that to the extent references to the Federal Register or Code of Federal Regulations are made in any sections starting from section 9789.30 through 9789.38 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, said section is hereby amended to incorporate by reference the applicable Federal Register final rule (including correction notices and revisions) and Federal Regulations in effect as of the
date this Order becomes effective, to be applied to services rendered on or after February 15, 2006. In particular, to the extent a section makes reference to the CMS hospital outpatient prospective payment system final rule, said section is amended to incorporate by reference the final rule published on November 10, 2005 in the Federal Register (Vol. 70 FR 68515-69040) and is entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Calendar Year 2006 Payment Rates; Final Rule" (CMS-1501-FC), and correction notice published on December 23, 2005 (Vol. 70 FR 76176-76196) entitled “Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Calendar Year 2006 Payment Rates; Correction” (CMS-1501-CN2). To the extent a section makes reference to the CMS hospital inpatient prospective payment system final rule wage index values, said section is amended to incorporate by reference the final rule published on August 12, 2005 in the Federal Register (Vol.70 FR 47278-47707) entitled “Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2006 Rates; Final Rule” (CMS-1500-F), and correction notice published on September 29, 2005 (Vol. 70 FR 57161-57164) entitled “Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2006 Rates; Correction” (CMS-1500-CN).

The effective date of the new rates is for visits and procedures described in section 9789.32 rendered on or after February 15, 2006. This Order, the amended sections 9789.30, 9789.31, 9789.33, 9789.34, and 9789.35, and the explanation of the changes shall be published on the website for the Division of Workers’ Compensation: http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 10, 2006

ORIGINAL ORDER SIGNED
CARRIE NEVANS
Acting Administrative Director of the
Division of Workers’ Compensation