

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



**Order of the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation  
Official Medical Fee Schedule – Ambulance Fee Schedule  
Inflation Factor Effective for Services Rendered on or after January 1, 2009**

Pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.1(g), the 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 January 1, 2009 change to the Medicare payment system.

Medicare Data Source

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the CY 2009 Ambulance Inflation Factor in its September 18, 2008, Executive Guidance No. 0531, Change Request 6113 to Pub. 100-04.

This Executive Guidance No. 0531 is published on the website of the Division of Workers' Compensation at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm>

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has determined that the Ambulance Inflation Factor for Calendar Year 2009 is 5.0%. This figure is equal to the percentage increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers for the 12-month period ending with June 2008, as required by the Medicare statute.

Application of Ambulance Inflation Factor to OMFS

For services provided on or after January 1, 2009, the Ambulance Inflation Factor is to be applied to fees by multiplying the ambulance service fees in the CY 2008 Ambulance Fee Schedule Public Use File, as revised October 1, 2008, by 1.05. The CY 2008 Ambulance Fee Schedule Public Use File is located on the internet at: [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AmbulanceFeeSchedule/02\\_afspuf.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AmbulanceFeeSchedule/02_afspuf.asp)

After CMS makes available the CY 2009 Ambulance Fee Schedule Public Use File, which will incorporate the 2009 Ambulance Inflation Factor, the fee schedule rates in the CY 2009 Public Use File shall be used, without any additional adjustment for inflation.

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: December 11, 2008

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