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Ambulance fee schedule adopts increases of Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008

The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 contained provisions for two and three percent increases for some ambulance services provided during the period of July 1, 2008 through Dec. 31, 2009. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published a proposed final rule on Nov. 19, 2008 adopting the increases retroactive to July 1, 2008. CMS has also published its revised 2008 public use file, which contains the rate increases.

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) administrative director has now adopted an order incorporating the CMS revised ambulance fee schedule rates, retroactive to July 1, 2008. This order adjusting the ambulance services section of the Official Medical Fee Schedule (OMFS) conforms the schedule to the changes in the Medicare payment system as required by Labor Code section 5307.1. The order and the CMS files are available on the DWC Web site at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm>.

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