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Adjustment of official medical fee schedule (OMFS) to conform to changes in Medicare payment system are posted on the DWC Web site

The Division of Workers' Compensation has posted an adjustment to the inpatient hospital section of the official medical fee schedule (OMFS) to conform to changes in the Medicare payment system as required by Labor Code section 5307.1. Title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.23 is amended only as to listed providers, to conform to notice of Dec. 3, 2008, published in the Federal Register (CMS-1390-N2), which revises the final wage index values and hospital reclassifications for 26 hospitals based on hospitals' requests to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in accordance with special procedural rules set forth in the CMS FY 2009 hospital inpatient prospective payment systems final rule of August 19, 2008. Title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.23, as amended by the Acting Administrative Director Order of Oct. 28, 2008 remains in effect for all other California inpatient hospitals. The effective date of the changes will be Dec. 1, 2008. The adjustments can be found at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/OMFS9904.htm>.

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