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 January 1, 2014)

Pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.1(g)(2), the Acting Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation orders that Title 8, California Code of Regulations, sections 9789.12.6, 9789.15.4, 9789.16.1, 9789.17.1, and 9789.19, pertaining to Physician Fee Schedule in the Official Medical Fee Schedule, are adjusted to conform to the final rule of December 10, 2013, published in the Federal Register (Vol. 78 FR 74230), titled, "Revisions to Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule, Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2014" (CMS-1600-FC), which changes the Medicare payment system. Amended section 9789.12.6 updates links to the Medicare, Census Bureau, and Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council websites. Amended section 9789.15.4 reflects Medicare's use of Addendum H to list therapy procedures subject to the Medicare Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction. Amended section 9789.16.1 updates reference to the National Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value File. Amended 9789.17.1 reflects Medicare's use of Addendum F to list diagnostic imaging services subject to the Medicare Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction. Section 9789.19 is amended to conform to relevant changes to the final rule of December 10, 2013, Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, for services rendered on or after January 1, 2014.

Also attached is an explanation of the changes. The effective date of the new rates is for physician services and non-physician practitioner services rendered on or after January 1, 2014. 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 <u>Division of Workers' Compensation</u>: http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 20, 2013 ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

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Acting Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation