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 – Pathology and Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule

Effective for Services Rendered on or after January 1, 2019)

Pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.1, subdivision (g)(2), the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers’ Compensation orders that the pathology and clinical laboratory portion of the Official Medical Fee Schedule adopted in title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.50, is adjusted to conform to changes to the Medicare payment system that were adopted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for calendar year 2019. The update includes fee schedule changes identified in Change Request CR 11076, which may be accessed on the Medicare website at https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2018-Transmittals-Items/R4182CP.html

Medicare Data Source and Incorporation by Reference

Effective for services rendered on or after January 1, 2019, the maximum reasonable fees for pathology and laboratory services shall not exceed 120% of the applicable fees set forth in the calendar year 2019 Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule, contained in the electronic file “[19CLABQ1](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ClinicalLabFeeSched/Clinical-Laboratory-Fee-Schedule-Files-Items/19CLABQ1.html?DLPage=1&DLEntries=10&DLSort=2&DLSortDir=descending)” which is adopted and incorporated by reference. It is available on the Internet at the website of the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ClinicalLabFeeSched/02_clinlab.asp#TopOfPage) at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ClinicalLabFeeSched/Clinical-Laboratory-Fee-Schedule-Files.html>

This Order is effective for services rendered on or after January 1, 2019 and 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 20, 2018 ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

GEORGE P. PARISOTTO

Administrative Director of the

Division of Workers’ Compensation