State of California

Department of Industrial Relations

DIVISION OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION



**Order of the Administrative Director of the**

**Division of Workers’ Compensation**

OMFS Update for Hospital Outpatient Departments and Ambulatory Surgical Center Services

Effective October 1, 2021

Pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.1(g)(1),(2), the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers’ Compensation orders that the Hospital Outpatient Departments and Ambulatory Surgical Centers Fee schedule portion of the Official Medical Fee Schedule contained in title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.39, is adjusted to conform to changes in the Medicare system, effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2021. The update includes changes identified in Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Change Request (CR) number 12436, Transmittal number 10997 (September 16, 2021) and CR number 12451, Transmittal number 11004 (September 17, 2021).

This Order adopts changes to the OMFS for the Hospital Outpatient Departments and Ambulatory Surgical Centers services to conform to the following Medicare changes:

1. The October 2021 Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) release. The CMS’ Medicare Addendum A as indicated below is adopted and incorporated by reference, and conforming changes are adopted to title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.39:

For services rendered on or after October 1, 2021:

[[Addendum](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HospitalOutpatientPPS/Addendum-A-and-Addendum-B-Updates-Items/2017-October-Addendum-A.html?DLPage=1&DLEntries=10&DLSort=2&DLSortDir=descending) A October 2021]

[2021\_October\_Web\_Addendum\_A.09212021.xlsx](https://www.cms.gov/medicaremedicare-fee-service-paymenthospitaloutpatientppsaddendum-and-addendum-b-updates/october-2021)

1. The October 2021 Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) release. The CMS’ Medicare Addendum B as indicated below is adopted and incorporated by reference, and conforming changes are adopted to title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.39:

For services rendered on or after October 1, 2021:

[[Addendum B October 2021]](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HospitalOutpatientPPS/Addendum-A-and-Addendum-B-Updates-Items/2017-October-Addendum-B.html?DLPage=1&DLEntries=10&DLSort=2&DLSortDir=descending)

[2021\_October\_Web\_Addendum\_B.09212021.xlsx](https://www.cms.gov/medicaremedicare-fee-service-paymenthospitaloutpatientppsaddendum-and-addendum-b-updates/october-2021-0)

1. The October 2021 Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System release. Certain columns of the CMS’ Medicare October 2021 ASC Approved HCPCS Code and Payment Rates as indicated below are adopted and incorporated by reference, and conforming changes are adopted to title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.39:

For services rendered on or after October 1, 2021:

[October 2021 ASC Approved HCPCS Code and Payment Rates]

[(October\_2021\_ASC\_Addenda.09222021.xlsx)](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ASCPayment/11_Addenda_Updates)

* Column A entitled “HCPCS Code” of “Oct 2021 ASC AA”
* Column A entitled “HCPCS Code” of “Oct 2021 ASC EE”

1. The October 2021 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) release. Certain sections of the CMS’ IOCE Quarterly Data Files V223.R1 October 2021 [ZIP, 25.6MB] as indicated below are adopted and incorporated by reference, and conforming changes are adopted to title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.39:

For services rendered on or after October 1, 2021:

IOCE Quarterly Data Files V223.R1 October 2021 [ZIP, 25.6MB], [IntegOCEspecs\_V22.3.R1 Oct21.pdf](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/OutpatientCodeEdit/OCEQtrReleaseSpecs), sections 5.4.1, 5.4.3, 5.4.5, 5.5, 5.6.1, 5.6.1.1, 5.6.2, 5.6.3, 5.6.4, 5.6.4.1, and 5.6.4.2

This Order and the updated regulations shall be published on the website of the Division of Workers’ Compensation on the [Hospital Outpatient Departments and Ambulatory Surgical Centers Fee schedule](https://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/OMFS9904.htm#6) webpage.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: September 23, 2021 /S/ GEORGE P. PARISOTTO\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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