



The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published its proposed rule for replacing the home health Medicare Prospective Payment System (PPS) with the Patient-Driven Groupings Model (PDGM) effective January 1, 2020.

PDGM would require claims to be paid based on 30-day payment periods instead of 60-day episodes. The data below was published by CMS to help home health agencies estimate the number of payment periods and corresponding payment change under PDGM compared to PPS. All data other than the number of agencies has been rounded to the nearest thousand.

Agency Characteristics	Number of Agencies	Actual 60-day PPS Episodes	Actual 60-day PPS Payment	Estimated 30-day Payment Periods	Estimated Payment Under PDGM	Estimated Payment Change Under PDGM
All Alabama agencies	149	124	\$ 305,826	223	\$ 309,418	1.2%
Freestanding agencies	128	118	\$ 292,141	212	\$ 294,055	0.7%
Facility-based agencies	21	6	\$ 13,685	12	\$ 15,364	12.3%
For-profit agencies	107	116	\$ 287,691	209	\$ 289,568	0.7%
Government owned agencies	30	4	\$ 8,307	7	\$ 9,396	13.1%
Non-profit agencies	12	4	\$ 9,827	7	\$ 10,455	6.4%
Rural agencies	65	34	\$ 79,392	63	\$ 83,036	4.6%
Urban agencies	84	90	\$ 226,434	161	\$ 226,382	0.0%
Lowest nursing visits	37	23	\$ 64,272	42	\$ 59,302	-7.7%
Next lowest nursing visits	61	67	\$ 164,884	121	\$ 164,167	-0.4%
Second highest nursing visits	32	32	\$ 72,759	57	\$ 80,793	11.0%
Highest nursing visits	19	2	\$ 3,911	4	\$ 5,156	31.8%
All East South Central agencies	423	475	\$ 1,212,902	851	\$ 1,224,067	0.9%
Freestanding agencies	364	434	\$ 1,119,085	780	\$ 1,122,539	0.3%
Facility-based agencies	59	41	\$ 93,817	71	\$ 101,528	8.2%
For-profit agencies	296	398	\$ 1,029,367	721	\$ 1,031,447	0.2%
Government owned agencies	55	17	\$ 39,374	30	\$ 42,360	7.6%
Non-profit agencies	72	60	\$ 144,162	100	\$ 150,260	4.2%
Rural agencies	188	191	\$ 457,519	348	\$ 480,087	4.9%
Urban agencies	235	284	\$ 755,383	503	\$ 743,980	-1.5%
Lowest nursing visits	150	137	\$ 396,153	242	\$ 363,702	-8.2%
Next lowest nursing visits	160	210	\$ 534,980	375	\$ 535,104	0.0%
Second highest nursing visits	83	105	\$ 236,876	192	\$ 267,588	13.0%
Highest nursing visits	30	23	\$ 44,894	42	\$ 57,674	28.5%

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