



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 Arkansas agencies	107	62	\$ 155,018	110	\$ 159,513	2.9%
Freestanding agencies	75	44	\$ 114,034	79	\$ 115,330	1.1%
Facility-based agencies	32	18	\$ 40,984	31	\$ 44,183	7.8%
For-profit agencies	57	43	\$ 110,673	77	\$ 111,972	1.2%
Government owned agencies	6	1	\$ 2,903	2	\$ 3,194	10.0%
Non-profit agencies	44	18	\$ 41,442	31	\$ 44,347	7.0%
Rural agencies	66	29	\$ 64,911	52	\$ 69,472	7.0%
Urban agencies	41	34	\$ 90,107	59	\$ 90,042	-0.1%
Lowest nursing visits	17	14	\$ 41,131	25	\$ 38,523	-6.3%
Next lowest nursing visits	33	21	\$ 53,903	38	\$ 53,900	0.0%
Second highest nursing visits	36	21	\$ 49,519	37	\$ 54,507	10.1%
Highest nursing visits	21	5	\$ 10,465	10	\$ 12,583	20.2%
All West South Central agencies	2,750	1,004	\$ 2,646,065	1,865	\$ 2,754,031	4.1%
Freestanding agencies	2,642	961	\$ 2,544,349	1,792	\$ 2,646,751	4.0%
Facility-based agencies	108	43	\$ 101,715	73	\$ 107,280	5.5%
For-profit agencies	2,530	931	\$ 2,462,842	1,736	\$ 2,562,743	4.1%
Government owned agencies	47	9	\$ 21,692	16	\$ 23,219	7.0%
Non-profit agencies	173	64	\$ 161,531	113	\$ 168,069	4.0%
Rural agencies	436	217	\$ 510,835	407	\$ 553,406	8.3%
Urban agencies	2,314	787	\$ 2,135,229	1,458	\$ 2,200,625	3.1%
Lowest nursing visits	274	132	\$ 424,248	236	\$ 379,322	-10.6%
Next lowest nursing visits	559	289	\$ 824,791	528	\$ 807,749	-2.1%
Second highest nursing visits	758	360	\$ 918,781	672	\$ 978,107	6.5%
Highest nursing visits	1,159	224	\$ 478,245	429	\$ 588,852	23.1%

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