



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 Iowa agencies	155	32	\$ 83,136	51	\$ 85,176	2.5%
Freestanding agencies	107	23	\$ 61,677	38	\$ 63,105	2.3%
Facility-based agencies	48	9	\$ 21,460	13	\$ 22,071	2.8%
For-profit agencies	50	7	\$ 21,553	13	\$ 20,505	-4.9%
Government owned agencies	57	4	\$ 8,805	6	\$ 9,469	7.6%
Non-profit agencies	48	21	\$ 52,779	32	\$ 55,202	4.6%
Rural agencies	98	11	\$ 26,790	17	\$ 27,462	2.5%
Urban agencies	57	21	\$ 56,346	34	\$ 57,714	2.4%
Lowest nursing visits	44	7	\$ 21,799	11	\$ 19,317	-11.4%
Next lowest nursing visits	29	5	\$ 14,281	8	\$ 14,521	1.7%
Second highest nursing visits	57	18	\$ 44,719	29	\$ 48,524	8.5%
Highest nursing visits	25	1	\$ 2,337	2	\$ 2,815	20.4%
All West North Central agencies	703	249	\$ 716,397	394	\$ 688,514	-3.9%
Freestanding agencies	500	195	\$ 577,504	315	\$ 550,326	-4.7%
Facility-based agencies	203	53	\$ 138,893	79	\$ 138,188	-0.5%
For-profit agencies	290	112	\$ 342,981	190	\$ 319,295	-6.9%
Government owned agencies	145	14	\$ 34,291	20	\$ 34,633	1.0%
Non-profit agencies	268	123	\$ 339,126	184	\$ 334,586	-1.3%
Rural agencies	339	60	\$ 153,380	96	\$ 152,022	-0.9%
Urban agencies	364	189	\$ 563,018	298	\$ 536,493	-4.7%
Lowest nursing visits	276	94	\$ 303,520	149	\$ 266,083	-12.3%
Next lowest nursing visits	182	101	\$ 281,827	156	\$ 279,783	-0.7%
Second highest nursing visits	158	44	\$ 110,069	72	\$ 118,335	7.5%
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