

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 Louisiana agencies	188	139	\$ 328,835	258	\$ 350,013	6.4%
Freestanding agencies	175	133	\$ 316,581	249	\$ 336,740	6.4%
Facility-based agencies	13	5	\$ 12,254	9	\$ 13,274	8.3%
For-profit agencies	172	128	\$ 304,200	240	\$ 324,101	6.5%
Government owned agencies	7	2	\$ 4,531	4	\$ 5,317	17.3%
Non-profit agencies	9	8	\$ 20,103	15	\$ 20,595	2.4%
Rural agencies	43	31	\$ 70,599	60	\$ 75,840	7.4%
Urban agencies	145	107	\$ 258,236	198	\$ 274,173	6.2%
Lowest nursing visits	15	10	\$ 27,843	17	\$ 25,528	-8.3%
Next lowest nursing visits	57	40	\$ 103,894	74	\$ 104,499	0.6%
Second highest nursing visits	80	73	\$ 166,238	136	\$ 181,838	9.4%
Highest nursing visits	36	16	\$ 30,861	30	\$ 38,149	23.6%
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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