

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 Montana agencies	27	8	\$ 20,307	12	\$ 19,579	-3.6%
Freestanding agencies	13	5	\$ 14,373	8	\$ 13,651	-5.0%
Facility-based agencies	14	2	\$ 5,934	4	\$ 5,928	-0.1%
For-profit agencies	8	2	\$ 6,660	4	\$ 6,204	-6.8%
Government owned agencies	2	1	\$ 1,530	1	\$ 1,481	-3.3%
Non-profit agencies	17	5	\$ 12,117	7	\$ 11,894	-1.8%
Rural agencies	19	4	\$ 10,633	7	\$ 10,446	-1.8%
Urban agencies	8	3	\$ 9,674	5	\$ 9,133	-5.6%
Lowest nursing visits	19	6	\$ 16,344	9	\$ 15,515	-5.1%
Next lowest nursing visits	2	1	\$ 2,710	2	\$ 2,638	-2.7%
Second highest nursing visits	4	0	\$ 1,056	1	\$ 1,201	13.7%
Highest nursing visits	2	0	\$ 196	0	\$ 225	14.4%
All Mountain agencies	675	259	\$ 807,658	429	\$ 765,943	-5.2%
Freestanding agencies	608	240	\$ 757,040	402	\$ 716,342	-5.4%
Facility-based agencies	67	18	\$ 50,618	28	\$ 49,601	-2.0%
For-profit agencies	536	210	\$ 669,828	355	\$ 632,433	-5.6%
Government owned agencies	26	4	\$ 11,333	6	\$ 10,974	-3.2%
Non-profit agencies	113	45	\$ 126,497	68	\$ 122,536	-3.1%
Rural agencies	137	31	\$ 86,446	53	\$ 85,644	-0.9%
Urban agencies	538	227	\$ 721,212	377	\$ 680,299	-5.7%
Lowest nursing visits	241	104	\$ 341,382	165	\$ 299,417	-12.3%
Next lowest nursing visits	180	83	\$ 256,479	138	\$ 243,163	-5.2%
Second highest nursing visits	164	52	\$ 157,473	91	\$ 163,591	3.9%
Highest nursing visits	90	19	\$ 52,323	35	\$ 59,772	14.2%

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