



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 North Carolina agencies	166	156	\$ 436,665	260	\$ 424,764	-2.7%
Freestanding agencies	145	140	\$ 396,088	235	\$ 384,055	-3.0%
Facility-based agencies	21	16	\$ 40,577	25	\$ 40,709	0.3%
For-profit agencies	94	103	\$ 298,149	176	\$ 284,562	-4.6%
Government owned agencies	28	11	\$ 27,384	17	\$ 27,834	1.6%
Non-profit agencies	44	42	\$ 111,132	67	\$ 112,368	1.1%
Rural agencies	57	38	\$ 99,395	65	\$ 99,472	0.1%
Urban agencies	109	118	\$ 337,270	195	\$ 325,292	-3.6%
Lowest nursing visits	82	77	\$ 234,315	130	\$ 215,815	-7.9%
Next lowest nursing visits	57	64	\$ 167,881	105	\$ 170,922	1.8%
Second highest nursing visits	22	14	\$ 32,817	23	\$ 35,913	9.4%
Highest nursing visits	5	1	\$ 1,652	1	\$ 2,114	28.0%
All South Atlantic agencies	1,643	1,194	\$ 3,528,518	1,981	\$ 3,340,720	-5.3%
Freestanding agencies	1,528	1,091	\$ 3,266,030	1,825	\$ 3,075,332	-5.8%
Facility-based agencies	115	103	\$ 262,489	156	\$ 265,388	1.1%
For-profit agencies	1,354	931	\$ 2,816,886	1,579	\$ 2,637,343	-6.4%
Government owned agencies	53	31	\$ 79,777	49	\$ 80,019	0.3%
Non-profit agencies	236	232	\$ 631,856	354	\$ 623,358	-1.3%
Rural agencies	190	124	\$ 322,650	213	\$ 323,731	0.3%
Urban agencies	1,453	1,070	\$ 3,205,868	1,768	\$ 3,016,989	-5.9%
Lowest nursing visits	626	465	\$ 1,458,074	770	\$ 1,313,940	-9.9%
Next lowest nursing visits	540	533	\$ 1,521,400	885	\$ 1,474,530	-3.1%
Second highest nursing visits	298	164	\$ 452,354	271	\$ 453,934	0.3%
Highest nursing visits	179	32	\$ 96,689	56	\$ 98,316	1.7%

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