

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 New York agencies	127	217	\$ 677,110	332	\$ 717,850	6.0%
Freestanding agencies	96	175	\$ 544,486	269	\$ 573,310	5.3%
Facility-based agencies	31	42	\$ 132,625	62	\$ 144,540	9.0%
For-profit agencies	46	53	\$ 175,791	83	\$ 178,665	1.6%
Government owned agencies	11	5	\$ 12,308	8	\$ 13,571	10.3%
Non-profit agencies	70	159	\$ 489,011	240	\$ 525,613	7.5%
Rural agencies	18	10	\$ 24,337	15	\$ 25,739	5.8%
Urban agencies	109	207	\$ 652,773	316	\$ 692,110	6.0%
Lowest nursing visits	17	11	\$ 39,031	18	\$ 35,737	-8.4%
Next lowest nursing visits	47	48	\$ 146,178	76	\$ 149,344	2.2%
Second highest nursing visits	49	143	\$ 447,759	216	\$ 483,783	8.0%
Highest nursing visits	14	14	\$ 44,141	21	\$ 48,987	11.0%
All Middle Atlantic agencies	479	546	\$ 1,656,845	848	\$ 1,708,058	3.1%
Freestanding agencies	407	449	\$ 1,371,747	705	\$ 1,406,393	2.5%
Facility-based agencies	72	97	\$ 285,098	143	\$ 301,665	5.8%
For-profit agencies	272	177	\$ 563,515	289	\$ 558,940	-0.8%
Government owned agencies	11	5	\$ 12,308	8	\$ 13,571	10.3%
Non-profit agencies	196	364	\$ 1,081,022	551	\$ 1,135,546	5.0%
Rural agencies	58	27	\$ 64,155	43	\$ 67,834	5.7%
Urban agencies	421	519	\$ 1,592,690	805	\$ 1,640,224	3.0%
Lowest nursing visits	84	73	\$ 245,579	116	\$ 226,215	-7.9%
Next lowest nursing visits	173	213	\$ 645,878	331	\$ 652,392	1.0%
Second highest nursing visits	160	238	\$ 701,924	365	\$ 757,994	8.0%
Highest nursing visits	62	22	\$ 63,464	35	\$ 71,457	12.6%

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