



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 Pennsylvania agencies	310	207	\$ 586,717	332	\$ 585,056	-0.3%
Freestanding agencies	275	172	\$ 495,958	280	\$ 491,141	-1.0%
Facility-based agencies	35	34	\$ 90,759	52	\$ 93,915	3.5%
For-profit agencies	212	91	\$ 274,433	153	\$ 265,612	-3.2%
Government owned agencies	-	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	0.0%
Non-profit agencies	98	116	\$ 312,284	179	\$ 319,444	2.3%
Rural agencies	40	17	\$ 39,818	27	\$ 42,095	5.7%
Urban agencies	270	190	\$ 546,900	305	\$ 542,961	-0.7%
Lowest nursing visits	61	36	\$ 118,945	60	\$ 107,235	-9.8%
Next lowest nursing visits	101	94	\$ 269,855	149	\$ 264,641	-1.9%
Second highest nursing visits	100	69	\$ 178,595	109	\$ 190,710	6.8%
Highest nursing visits	48	8	\$ 19,322	14	\$ 22,471	16.3%
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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