



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 Texas agencies	2,207	650	\$ 1,781,441	1,211	\$ 1,839,474	3.3%
Freestanding agencies	2,162	639	\$ 1,753,575	1,192	\$ 1,810,947	3.3%
Facility-based agencies	45	11	\$ 27,866	19	\$ 28,527	2.4%
For-profit agencies	2,081	619	\$ 1,698,666	1,155	\$ 1,754,167	3.3%
Government owned agencies	29	5	\$ 11,796	8	\$ 12,198	3.4%
Non-profit agencies	97	26	\$ 70,978	48	\$ 73,109	3.0%
Rural agencies	215	95	\$ 231,341	179	\$ 249,820	8.0%
Urban agencies	1,992	555	\$ 1,550,100	1,032	\$ 1,589,654	2.6%
Lowest nursing visits	220	89	\$ 301,790	158	\$ 263,689	-12.6%
Next lowest nursing visits	414	197	\$ 584,530	362	\$ 569,373	-2.6%
Second highest nursing visits	571	205	\$ 548,250	384	\$ 577,210	5.3%
Highest nursing visits	1,002	159	\$ 346,871	306	\$ 429,202	23.7%
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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