

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 Utah agencies	89	33	\$ 103,430	53	\$ 93,568	-9.5%
Freestanding agencies	85	32	\$ 100,270	52	\$ 90,552	-9.7%
Facility-based agencies	4	1	\$ 3,159	2	\$ 3,016	-4.5%
For-profit agencies	75	23	\$ 75,791	39	\$ 67,963	-10.3%
Government owned agencies	1	0	\$ 472	0	\$ 504	6.8%
Non-profit agencies	13	9	\$ 27,167	14	\$ 25,100	-7.6%
Rural agencies	6	1	\$ 3,258	2	\$ 3,304	1.4%
Urban agencies	83	32	\$ 100,172	51	\$ 90,264	-9.9%
Lowest nursing visits	35	10	\$ 33,560	16	\$ 28,713	-14.4%
Next lowest nursing visits	29	17	\$ 52,071	27	\$ 48,014	-7.8%
Second highest nursing visits	17	4	\$ 13,769	8	\$ 12,935	-6.1%
Highest nursing visits	8	1	\$ 4,030	2	\$ 3,905	-3.1%
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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