

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 Virginia agencies	229	146	\$ 426,324	240	\$ 409,063	-4.0%
Freestanding agencies	203	120	\$ 360,496	200	\$ 341,740	-5.2%
Facility-based agencies	26	26	\$ 65,829	40	\$ 67,323	2.3%
For-profit agencies	190	103	\$ 310,627	175	\$ 295,208	-5.0%
Government owned agencies	2	4	\$ 8,827	5	\$ 9,215	4.4%
Non-profit agencies	37	39	\$ 106,871	60	\$ 104,639	-2.1%
Rural agencies	47	19	\$ 46,687	33	\$ 49,073	5.1%
Urban agencies	182	127	\$ 379,637	207	\$ 359,989	-5.2%
Lowest nursing visits	103	56	\$ 179,148	91	\$ 160,278	-10.5%
Next lowest nursing visits	82	71	\$ 200,672	116	\$ 197,826	-1.4%
Second highest nursing visits	33	18	\$ 43,088	29	\$ 46,829	8.7%
Highest nursing visits	11	2	\$ 3,416	3	\$ 4,129	20.9%
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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