

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 Vermont agencies	11	17	\$ 47,207	28	\$ 49,864	5.6%
Freestanding agencies	11	17	\$ 47,207	28	\$ 49,864	5.6%
Facility-based agencies	-	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	0.0%
For-profit agencies	-	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	0.0%
Government owned agencies	-	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	0.0%
Non-profit agencies	11	17	\$ 47,207	28	\$ 49,864	5.6%
Rural agencies	8	12	\$ 32,977	20	\$ 34,750	5.4%
Urban agencies	3	5	\$ 14,230	8	\$ 15,115	6.2%
Lowest nursing visits	2	5	\$ 14,802	8	\$ 14,813	0.1%
Next lowest nursing visits	3	6	\$ 16,101	9	\$ 16,711	3.8%
Second highest nursing visits	6	6	\$ 16,304	10	\$ 18,341	12.5%
Highest nursing visits	-	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	0.0%
All Northeast agencies	354	331	\$ 1,076,269	547	\$ 1,102,986	2.5%
Freestanding agencies	336	303	\$ 993,896	503	\$ 1,014,043	2.0%
Facility-based agencies	18	28	\$ 82,372	43	\$ 88,944	8.0%
For-profit agencies	225	98	\$ 343,235	167	\$ 335,068	-2.4%
Government owned agencies	5	1	\$ 4,104	2	\$ 4,238	3.3%
Non-profit agencies	124	232	\$ 728,930	377	\$ 763,680	4.8%
Rural agencies	33	33	\$ 92,231	53	\$ 96,933	5.1%
Urban agencies	321	299	\$ 984,037	493	\$ 1,006,053	2.2%
Lowest nursing visits	49	42	\$ 155,338	71	\$ 141,660	-8.8%
Next lowest nursing visits	129	194	\$ 628,270	317	\$ 642,630	2.3%
Second highest nursing visits	79	86	\$ 265,243	143	\$ 286,793	8.1%
Highest nursing visits	97	9	\$ 27,418	17	\$ 31,903	16.4%

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