

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 West Virginia agencies	61	43	\$ 116,125	76	\$ 114,002	-1.8%
Freestanding agencies	44	35	\$ 96,418	63	\$ 94,211	-2.3%
Facility-based agencies	17	8	\$ 19,708	13	\$ 19,791	0.4%
For-profit agencies	39	34	\$ 92,560	61	\$ 90,334	-2.4%
Government owned agencies	3	0	\$ 553	0	\$ 568	2.7%
Non-profit agencies	19	9	\$ 23,012	15	\$ 23,100	0.4%
Rural agencies	26	12	\$ 30,550	21	\$ 30,925	1.2%
Urban agencies	35	31	\$ 85,575	54	\$ 83,077	-2.9%
Lowest nursing visits	21	12	\$ 35,644	21	\$ 32,522	-8.8%
Next lowest nursing visits	28	27	\$ 71,124	48	\$ 70,852	-0.4%
Second highest nursing visits	11	4	\$ 9,078	7	\$ 10,285	13.3%
Highest nursing visits	1	0	\$ 279	0	\$ 344	23.3%
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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