



The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services published its final rule for replacing the home health Medicare Prospective Payment System (PPS) with the Patient-Driven Groupings Model (PDGM) effective January 1, 2020.

PDGM requires 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.

Note: The data below **does not** account for a proposed reduction of 6.42% in 2020 payment rates for "behavioral adjustments."

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 Arkansas agencies	107	64	\$ 161,167	113	\$ 165,746	2.8%
Freestanding agencies	75	45	\$ 118,535	82	\$ 120,191	1.4%
Facility-based agencies	32	18	\$ 42,632	31	\$ 45,555	6.9%
For-profit agencies	61	44	\$ 115,611	80	\$ 117,437	1.6%
Government owned agencies	2	1	\$ 2,109	2	\$ 2,240	6.2%
Non-profit agencies	44	19	\$ 43,448	32	\$ 46,070	6.0%
Rural agencies	66	29	\$ 68,342	53	\$ 72,782	6.5%
Urban agencies	41	34	\$ 92,825	60	\$ 92,964	0.2%
Lowest nursing visits	17	15	\$ 42,542	26	\$ 40,054	-5.8%
Next lowest nursing visits	31	22	\$ 55,420	38	\$ 55,378	-0.1%
Second highest nursing visits	38	22	\$ 52,296	38	\$ 57,312	9.6%
Highest nursing visits	21	5	\$ 10,910	10	\$ 13,002	19.2%
All West South Central agencies	2,753	1,030	\$ 2,734,410	1,909	\$ 2,860,410	4.6%
Freestanding agencies	2,646	985	\$ 2,626,215	1,832	\$ 2,746,844	4.6%
Facility-based agencies	107	45	\$ 108,195	77	\$ 113,565	5.0%
For-profit agencies	2,544	962	\$ 2,564,602	1,790	\$ 2,683,402	4.6%
Government owned agencies	49	10	\$ 24,572	18	\$ 26,042	6.0%
Non-profit agencies	160	57	\$ 145,237	100	\$ 150,966	3.9%
Rural agencies	435	224	\$ 538,996	419	\$ 584,530	8.4%
Urban agencies	2,318	806	\$ 2,195,414	1,490	\$ 2,275,880	3.7%
Lowest nursing visits	276	136	\$ 437,054	243	\$ 393,619	-9.9%
Next lowest nursing visits	564	297	\$ 854,770	543	\$ 839,860	-1.7%
Second highest nursing visits	757	371	\$ 954,252	691	\$ 1,020,567	6.9%
Highest nursing visits	1,156	226	\$ 488,334	432	\$ 606,363	24.2%

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