



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 North Carolina agencies	166	162	\$ 455,319	268	\$ 442,416	-2.8%
Freestanding agencies	146	145	\$ 413,027	243	\$ 400,537	-3.0%
Facility-based agencies	20	17	\$ 42,293	25	\$ 41,879	-1.0%
For-profit agencies	96	108	\$ 312,418	183	\$ 299,194	-4.2%
Government owned agencies	25	11	\$ 27,019	17	\$ 26,928	-0.3%
Non-profit agencies	45	44	\$ 115,883	69	\$ 116,294	0.4%
Rural agencies	57	39	\$ 104,431	66	\$ 104,234	-0.2%
Urban agencies	109	122	\$ 350,888	202	\$ 338,181	-3.6%
Lowest nursing visits	83	81	\$ 245,757	136	\$ 227,168	-7.6%
Next lowest nursing visits	56	65	\$ 173,215	107	\$ 175,521	1.3%
Second highest nursing visits	24	15	\$ 34,974	24	\$ 37,969	8.6%
Highest nursing visits	3	1	\$ 1,373	1	\$ 1,758	28.0%
All South Atlantic agencies	1,647	1,238	\$ 3,658,484	2,047	\$ 3,471,353	-5.1%
Freestanding agencies	1,538	1,135	\$ 3,394,919	1,891	\$ 3,206,738	-5.5%
Facility-based agencies	109	103	\$ 263,565	156	\$ 264,614	0.4%
For-profit agencies	1,361	967	\$ 2,926,171	1,635	\$ 2,751,347	-6.0%
Government owned agencies	47	29	\$ 75,109	46	\$ 74,718	-0.5%
Non-profit agencies	239	242	\$ 657,205	366	\$ 645,288	-1.8%
Rural agencies	189	127	\$ 337,181	218	\$ 338,109	0.3%
Urban agencies	1,458	1,111	\$ 3,321,303	1,829	\$ 3,133,244	-5.7%
Lowest nursing visits	627	484	\$ 1,513,452	799	\$ 1,370,497	-9.4%
Next lowest nursing visits	535	545	\$ 1,559,493	903	\$ 1,512,583	-3.0%
Second highest nursing visits	303	173	\$ 482,526	286	\$ 481,684	-0.2%
Highest nursing visits	182	35	\$ 103,013	59	\$ 106,589	3.5%

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