



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 Nebraska agencies	69	23	\$ 72,828	37	\$ 67,012	-8.0%
Freestanding agencies	42	17	\$ 55,514	28	\$ 50,222	-9.5%
Facility-based agencies	27	6	\$ 17,315	9	\$ 16,790	-3.0%
For-profit agencies	31	10	\$ 33,279	17	\$ 28,708	-13.7%
Government owned agencies	11	1	\$ 2,981	2	\$ 3,104	4.1%
Non-profit agencies	27	12	\$ 36,569	19	\$ 35,201	-3.7%
Rural agencies	31	5	\$ 13,667	8	\$ 13,283	-2.8%
Urban agencies	38	18	\$ 59,161	30	\$ 53,729	-9.2%
Lowest nursing visits	22	11	\$ 37,449	18	\$ 32,061	-14.4%
Next lowest nursing visits	20	10	\$ 29,035	16	\$ 28,241	-2.7%
Second highest nursing visits	15	2	\$ 4,619	3	\$ 4,614	-0.1%
Highest nursing visits	12	1	\$ 1,725	1	\$ 2,096	21.5%
All West North Central agencies	706	256	\$ 742,707	405	\$ 711,666	-4.2%
Freestanding agencies	504	199	\$ 589,991	321	\$ 561,412	-4.8%
Facility-based agencies	202	57	\$ 152,716	84	\$ 150,253	-1.6%
For-profit agencies	294	117	\$ 358,271	197	\$ 333,878	-6.8%
Government owned agencies	145	14	\$ 36,551	21	\$ 36,438	-0.3%
Non-profit agencies	267	125	\$ 347,885	187	\$ 341,349	-1.9%
Rural agencies	338	62	\$ 161,253	98	\$ 158,970	-1.4%
Urban agencies	368	195	\$ 581,453	307	\$ 552,696	-4.9%
Lowest nursing visits	277	98	\$ 317,959	156	\$ 279,752	-12.0%
Next lowest nursing visits	182	103	\$ 288,015	158	\$ 284,181	-1.3%
Second highest nursing visits	161	46	\$ 114,827	74	\$ 122,496	6.7%
Highest nursing visits	86	10	\$ 21,906	17	\$ 25,237	15.2%

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