

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 Ohio agencies	536	196	\$ 555,725	326	\$ 537,749	-3.2%
Freestanding agencies	514	179	\$ 509,378	299	\$ 492,457	-3.3%
Facility-based agencies	22	17	\$ 46,347	28	\$ 45,292	-2.3%
For-profit agencies	430	126	\$ 368,204	217	\$ 353,274	-4.1%
Government owned agencies	15	3	\$ 7,460	4	\$ 7,225	-3.1%
Non-profit agencies	91	67	\$ 180,061	105	\$ 177,249	-1.6%
Rural agencies	96	33	\$ 90,194	56	\$ 88,416	-2.0%
Urban agencies	440	163	\$ 465,531	271	\$ 449,333	-3.5%
Lowest nursing visits	162	62	\$ 195,779	103	\$ 172,066	-12.1%
Next lowest nursing visits	135	94	\$ 257,940	153	\$ 256,142	-0.7%
Second highest nursing visits	88	32	\$ 83,542	55	\$ 87,995	5.3%
Highest nursing visits	151	8	\$ 18,464	15	\$ 21,547	16.7%
All East North Central agencies	2,019	811	\$ 2,361,915	1,361	\$ 2,331,364	-1.3%
Freestanding agencies	1,898	719	\$ 2,112,194	1,221	\$ 2,079,891	-1.5%
Facility-based agencies	121	92	\$ 249,722	141	\$ 251,473	0.7%
For-profit agencies	1,665	529	\$ 1,591,636	925	\$ 1,558,167	-2.1%
Government owned agencies	62	16	\$ 43,278	25	\$ 42,497	-1.8%
Non-profit agencies	292	265	\$ 727,001	412	\$ 730,699	0.5%
Rural agencies	247	92	\$ 246,963	150	\$ 247,484	0.2%
Urban agencies	1,772	719	\$ 2,114,953	1,211	\$ 2,083,880	-1.5%
Lowest nursing visits	751	263	\$ 856,341	438	\$ 760,246	-11.2%
Next lowest nursing visits	453	304	\$ 868,432	493	\$ 863,085	-0.6%
Second highest nursing visits	395	180	\$ 483,163	309	\$ 519,731	7.6%
Highest nursing visits	420	64	\$ 153,981	121	\$ 188,302	22.3%

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