



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 South Carolina agencies	71	93	\$ 253,866	153	\$ 251,050	-1.1%
Freestanding agencies	58	74	\$ 207,428	125	\$ 204,100	-1.6%
Facility-based agencies	13	19	\$ 46,438	28	\$ 46,950	1.1%
For-profit agencies	50	71	\$ 199,327	120	\$ 196,425	-1.5%
Government owned agencies	5	8	\$ 19,305	12	\$ 20,147	4.4%
Non-profit agencies	16	14	\$ 35,233	20	\$ 34,478	-2.1%
Rural agencies	13	15	\$ 42,125	26	\$ 42,060	-0.2%
Urban agencies	58	78	\$ 211,740	127	\$ 208,990	-1.3%
Lowest nursing visits	33	44	\$ 125,546	71	\$ 118,135	-5.9%
Next lowest nursing visits	29	43	\$ 113,493	72	\$ 116,888	3.0%
Second highest nursing visits	9	6	\$ 14,827	10	\$ 16,027	8.1%
Highest nursing visits	-	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	0.0%
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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