



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 Vermont agencies	11	17	\$ 49,116	28	\$ 51,530	4.9%
Freestanding agencies	11	17	\$ 49,116	28	\$ 51,530	4.9%
Facility-based agencies	-	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	0.0%
For-profit agencies	1	2	\$ 5,032	3	\$ 4,968	-1.3%
Government owned agencies	-	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	0.0%
Non-profit agencies	10	16	\$ 44,084	26	\$ 46,562	5.6%
Rural agencies	8	12	\$ 34,395	20	\$ 36,001	4.7%
Urban agencies	3	5	\$ 14,721	8	\$ 15,529	5.5%
Lowest nursing visits	2	5	\$ 15,565	9	\$ 15,516	-0.3%
Next lowest nursing visits	3	6	\$ 16,661	9	\$ 17,177	3.1%
Second highest nursing visits	6	6	\$ 16,890	11	\$ 18,837	11.5%
Highest nursing visits	-	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	0.0%
All Northeast agencies	355	344	\$ 1,122,388	567	\$ 1,145,176	2.0%
Freestanding agencies	338	316	\$ 1,036,879	522	\$ 1,053,167	1.6%
Facility-based agencies	17	29	\$ 85,510	45	\$ 92,009	7.6%
For-profit agencies	227	103	\$ 361,005	176	\$ 352,877	-2.3%
Government owned agencies	4	1	\$ 3,824	2	\$ 3,913	2.3%
Non-profit agencies	124	240	\$ 757,560	389	\$ 788,385	4.1%
Rural agencies	34	34	\$ 97,167	55	\$ 101,299	4.3%
Urban agencies	321	311	\$ 1,025,222	512	\$ 1,043,877	1.8%
Lowest nursing visits	47	44	\$ 162,516	74	\$ 148,779	-8.5%
Next lowest nursing visits	130	198	\$ 642,858	323	\$ 654,418	1.8%
Second highest nursing visits	77	93	\$ 288,043	153	\$ 308,224	7.0%
Highest nursing visits	101	9	\$ 28,971	17	\$ 33,755	16.5%

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