



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 Massachusetts agencies	182	171	\$ 565,374	283	\$ 583,098	3.1%
Freestanding agencies	176	150	\$ 503,873	251	\$ 516,118	2.4%
Facility-based agencies	6	20	\$ 61,501	32	\$ 66,980	8.9%
For-profit agencies	139	54	\$ 189,892	94	\$ 188,415	-0.8%
Government owned agencies	2	1	\$ 3,134	2	\$ 3,237	3.3%
Non-profit agencies	41	116	\$ 372,348	188	\$ 391,446	5.1%
Rural agencies	-	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	0.0%
Urban agencies	182	171	\$ 565,374	283	\$ 583,098	3.1%
Lowest nursing visits	21	19	\$ 72,828	32	\$ 66,044	-9.3%
Next lowest nursing visits	49	90	\$ 299,134	148	\$ 306,413	2.4%
Second highest nursing visits	34	55	\$ 170,770	90	\$ 184,470	8.0%
Highest nursing visits	78	7	\$ 22,642	14	\$ 26,171	15.6%
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%
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