

**Medicare Assigned Claims
Selected Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Year	Net Assignment Rate ¹
1975	51.9
1980	51.4
1985	67.7
1990	80.9
1991	82.5
1992	85.4
1993	89.2
1994	92.1
1995	94.2
1996	95.6
1997	96.5
1998	97.2
1999	97.5
2000	97.8
2001	98.1

¹ The net assignment rate is the percentage of assigned claims to total assigned/unassigned claims received. If a physician or supplier agrees to accept assignment, he or she agrees not to charge more than the Medicare approved fee for a particular service.

SOURCE: CMS/OFM

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