

Table 7.5
Persons Using Medicare Home Health Agency Services, Visits, Total Charges, and Program Payments, by Number of Visits: Calendar Years 1997 and 2004

Number of Visits	Persons Served		Visits		Total Charges		Program Payments	
	Number in Thousands	Percent	Number in Thousands	Percent	Amount in Thousands	Percent	Amount in Thousands	Percent
1997								
Total	3,558	100.0	258,168	100.0	\$23,460,105	100.0	\$16,718,263	100.0
1-9	820	23.0	4,096	1.6	453,521	1.9	326,454	2.0
10-19	647	18.2	9,094	3.5	978,214	4.2	676,581	4.0
20-29	395	11.1	9,532	3.7	1,002,319	4.3	694,720	4.2
30-39	265	7.4	9,085	3.5	936,294	4.0	653,835	3.9
40-49	193	5.4	8,563	3.3	869,803	3.7	610,492	3.7
50-99	506	14.2	35,469	13.7	3,486,321	14.9	2,466,810	14.8
More than 100	732	20.6	182,330	70.6	15,733,632	67.1	11,289,371	67.5
2004								
Total	2,836	100.0	89,130	100.0	\$11,054,455	100.0	\$11,402,560	100.0
1-9	838	29.6	4,756	5.3	662,186	6.0	1,104,047	9.7
10-19	795	28.0	11,522	12.9	1,575,487	14.3	2,268,572	19.9
20-29	416	14.7	10,382	11.6	1,380,465	12.5	1,649,003	14.5
30-39	230	8.1	8,157	9.2	1,057,341	9.6	1,150,932	10.1
40-49	142	5.0	6,529	7.3	833,230	7.5	865,745	7.6
50-99	265	9.3	18,514	20.8	2,288,737	20.7	2,187,833	19.2
More than 100	148	5.2	29,269	32.8	3,257,008	29.5	2,176,427	19.1

NOTES: Medicare program payments represent fee-for-service only and exclude amounts paid for managed care services. Total charges and visit charges are shown for trend purposes only. With the implementation of the home health agency prospective payment system, beginning October 1, 2000, program payments are now associated with episodes and not with individual visits. As a result, program payments may exceed charges. Numbers may not add to total because of rounding.

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